

Gorbachov to meet Reagan for 'summit'

● Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov are to meet in Iceland next week in a move which astonished their nations
● The announcement followed a double exchange for Nicholas Daniloff, the US journalist freed in Moscow on Monday

● In New York, Mr Gennady Zakharov, the Soviet UN employee on a spying charge, was expelled from the country
● In Siberia, Mr Yuri Orlov, the veteran human rights activist jailed over the Helsinki Accords in 1977, was set free

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In a momentous announcement that caught America by surprise, President Reagan said yesterday he was flying to Iceland in 10 days to meet Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for a preparatory summit to pave the way for the Soviet leader's visit to the United States later this year.

The meeting, suggested in Mr Gorbachov's letter to Mr Reagan 10 days ago, will be held in Reykjavik on October 11 and 12. No agenda has been set, but the two sides will discuss the whole field of East-West relations, including arms control, regional conflicts in the world, human rights and bilateral relations.

Mr Reagan's announcement - pre-empted by a Tass report in Moscow a few minutes earlier - came immediately after Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, had revealed the details of the package to free Mr Nicholas

Daniloff, the US News & World Report correspondent arrested in Moscow on spying charges.

These involved the deportation by a New York court of Mr Gennady Zakharov, the Soviet UN employee on a spying charge, as well as the release from exile of Mr Yuri Orlov, a prominent Russian dissident.

Asked whether the US had, after all, traded Mr Zakharov

for Mr Daniloff, President Reagan insisted: "There was no connection between these two releases."

However, he said Mr Daniloff's release had made the Reykjavik meeting possible. "I could not have accepted and held that meeting if he were still being held."

He had "no idea" what the outcome of the Iceland meeting would be but it would not be just a signing ceremony.

He believed the chances were now better than they had been in many years for reaching some agreement on arms reductions. Mr Shultz said there had been "a great change" in the

negotiating positions on intermediate nuclear forces over the past 18 months.

"In the discussions that we have had there are suggestions of other possible areas where agreement might be found. So I think there are reasonable prospects."

"But you never have an agreement until you have an agreement," he added.

The Reykjavik meeting was no substitute for a full-scale summit as agreed by the two leaders in Geneva last year.

Mr Shultz said: "It's very clear that they recognize, as we do, that the genuine summit will be the next one in the United States and the following one in the Soviet Union. And that is in everybody's plan."

He said the Reykjavik meeting would give things a "special push".

On the most significant issues the gap had closed and the US could see the prospect of agreement. There was enough motion and sense of importance to "energize" both the Soviet and US negotiators.

Asked why the US had changed its mind about the value of a pre-summit meeting at heads-of-government level, Mr Shultz said the US was engaged in a very important and very serious effort to get

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Russian freed to fly to Moscow

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Mr Gennady Zakharov, the Soviet physicist accused of espionage, flew to Moscow yesterday as Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist held on spying charges, arrived home to tumultuous welcome in Washington.

Under a package arrangement for ending the month-long superpower confrontation, Mr Yuri Orlov aged 62, the Soviet human rights leader, is also being released and is due to leave for the United States with his wife, Arina, by October 7.

After exile in Siberia Mr Orlov, a physicist and a member of the Armenian Academy of Sciences, is in poor health.

Mr Zakharov, smiling broadly, appeared before the Eastern district court of New York yesterday and pleaded no contest, a neutral term that is not an admission of guilt.

Earlier he had attended a session in judge's chambers. Judge John McLaughlin sentenced him to five years' probation and ordered him out of the country within 24 hours. Still smiling Mr Zakharov was whisked out of a side door, saying merely as he left that he felt "great".

His only comment to the court was an emphatic "yes" when asked by the judge if he had fully understood what had transpired in chambers.

At a White House press conference Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, would not link the decision to free Mr Orlov to the release of Mr Daniloff.

He had been informed of the decision to release Mr Orlov by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, during their talks in New York over the past 10 days and the release of other dissidents is widely rumoured.

He made clear that the US was standing by its expulsion of 25 members of the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

Kremlin made the running, Tass says

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The way was dramatically opened last night for the possibility of two superpower summits before the end of the year with a brief announcement from Tass, the official Soviet news agency, that President Reagan had accepted an invitation for a two-day meeting in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik on the weekend of October 11 and 12.

The announcement was the unexpected outcome of four recent meetings between Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, ostensibly held to resolve the month-old

affair of the US journalist, Mr Nicholas Daniloff.

Tass made clear that the initiative for what has already been dubbed here as a "pre-summit" came from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Soviet sources said that recent progress towards agreements on the key issue of arms control had been the main reason in overcoming the Kremlin's former reluctance to agree any summit date for 1986. They added that the main hopes were for an eventual agreement on limiting US and Soviet medium range missiles in Europe and securing progress towards a mutual ban on all nuclear tests.



Tomorrow

Odds on Sunday?



Horse racing has a bigger paying public than any other sport, yet it misses out on the biggest pay day of all - Sunday. Now the industry is debating plans for Sunday racing and even Sunday opening for betting shops. The Times gives both sides an airing in another major and controversial series

Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs E. Sinfield of Truro, Cornwall. Details, page 3.
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Holiday bonus

Britain's holiday prices battle cooled a hard-hitting new round as Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour operator, launched programmes for next summer with many average prices unchanged. Page 21

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McGuigan writ

Barry McGuigan, the former World Boxing Association featherweight champion, is taking out a High Court writ to sever his connections with his manager B J Eastwood. Page 42

Captain Hill

Richard Hill, the Bath scrum-half, has been named as captain for England's rugby union international against Japan at Twickenham on October 11. Page 39

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Double triumph for Labour leader

Kinnock plays for high stakes over defence

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor



Fighting mood: Mr Neil Kinnock in emphatic style addressing the Labour conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Left wing lose out as Heffer is voted off Labour NEC

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday tightened his grip on the Labour Party machine after elections to the ruling national executive which resulted in losses for the hard left and the removal of one of his fiercest adversaries Mr Eric Heffer.

The Labour leader was left with a commanding 19-10 majority on the executive giving him a dominance over his party in the run-up to the general election rarely achieved by his predecessors.

Mr Heffer's defeat was the biggest shock in the NEC elections for years. He paid the price for his strong support for the Liverpool Militant leaders, his historic walk-out during Mr Kinnock's speech at last year's conference and his constant attacks on the leadership, most recently in a book published last week.

But out, too, went Mrs Margaret Beckett, the far-left MP for Derby South, in a poll which saw big increases in votes for Mr Kinnock's closest allies.

Voted in to replace Mr Heffer in the constituency of the executive was Mr Ian Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow.

Mrs Beckett is replaced by the pro-Kinnock Mrs Diana

Juda, research officer of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

The only other change was in the trade union section where the retiring Mr Alex Kitson was replaced by the equally pro-Kinnock Mr Jack Rogers, executive member of the Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians.

A sad and embittered Mr Heffer claimed yesterday that a 'campaign had been organized against him'.

He admitted that his walk-out last year had contributed to his defeat. He said: "I am not surprised because I know that since my walk-off and because of my stand on various issues over the last few years there has been a great campaign organized by certain sections of the party to get me off."

The swing towards Mr Kinnock and the centre was reflected in the other NEC votes. The soft-left Mr David Blunkett stayed at the top of the constituency poll and Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, achieved one of the most respectable votes given to a senior member of the centre-right in recent years by the constituency parties.

UK fights to stop sport curbs

From John Goodbody Dublin

Britain was struggling yesterday to stop the Council of Europe from demanding Government action if British competitors visit South Africa for sports events.

Britain logically could be obliged eventually to withdraw individuals' passports if the resolution, proposed by Sweden, is passed tomorrow.

The resolution is not due to be discussed by the fifth conference of European sports ministers until today but last night the British delegation was seeking a compromise resolution.

The Council of Europe could put pressure on the Government to carry out its wishes but generally it seeks to get unanimity of agreement. Botha hint, page 20

Sealink crews stage sit-in

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Two ferries operated by Sealink British Ferries were being held in port by their crews last night following an announcement that the company was to reduce jobs on services to the Channel Islands and Cherbourg by about 460.

Passengers expecting to sail on Sealink ferries from Weymouth were offered alternative sailings from Portsmouth, or cash refunds, while passengers trying to get home from Cherbourg were offered passages on other lines.

A spokesman for Sealink said arrangements for getting passengers home were complete, including those with six airlines and Torbay Ferries for bringing passengers back from the Channel Islands.

Last night two of five ferries operated by Sealink and Channel Islands Ferries, the Earl William at Guernsey and the Earl Godwin at Wey-

mouth, were being occupied by their crews.

Problems arose because of a scheme by Sealink and rivals Channel Island Ferries, which will come into effect today, to rationalise services. They are to form a jointly owned company, British Channel Islands Ferries.

Northern Engineering Industries (NEI), the Newcastle-based power equipment manufacturer, yesterday announced it would be shedding 5,800 jobs in Britain this year and next (Alison Eadie writes). Details, page 21

land Ferries, in an effort to eliminate heavy losses. Crews were only told of the changes yesterday morning at the time as they were made public. Sealink is ending 437 sea-going jobs and 220 shore jobs but will offer to re-employ 191. In addition, Channel Island Ferries said it would be making 30 people redundant.

A spokesman for the Na-

Tenants to get a better deal

By Robin Oakley

In an effort to control the house price spiral, the Government is determined to provide a better deal for people seeking rented accommodation in the private sector.

Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, will tell next week's Conservative conference that he intends to establish a Right-to-Rent legislation designed to be as powerful and appealing as the Right-to-Buy legislation.

He plans to dismantle the vast council estates and wants building society, bank and investment trust money to finance the creation of rented homes for those who cannot afford, or do not want, to buy. This week The Times has



reported on the urgent need for action to reduce the numbers of families facing mortgage and rent arrears, repossession and eviction.

Mr Patten said: "In a few cases lending institutions have transgressed the borders of prudence, and I am watching the trend very closely."

Mr Patten added that he was looking at ways to reform the Rent Act. "I want to ensure a good deal for private landlords - and there are many good ones."

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Pressure on interest rates eases

Pressure for higher interest rates eased in the financial markets yesterday. This makes it less likely that mortgage and overdraft rates will rise, though market rates are still indicating an increase.

The stock market recovered some of the ground lost on the previous day with the Financial Times Index closing 14.4 points up at 1277.0. Prices of gilt-edged stocks were also sharply higher rising by up to 2½ points for long-dated stocks.

In the foreign exchange market sterling rose against both the mark and the dollar closing at DM2.9352 and \$1.4477.

Dealers were encouraged at intervention by the West German central bank in support of the pound which they interpreted as forming part of a confidential agreement between the leading countries on exchange rate management. The Bank of England again intervened to support the pound. In the money markets it left its dealing rates unchanged indicating its resistance to higher rates.

Rumours that Britain was about to link its currency to the European Monetary System helped to support sterling despite a denial in Washington by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, that any move was imminent.

Mr Lawson said in his speech to the International Monetary Fund that Britain's economy would grow more slowly than forecast this year but faster next year. The underlying rate of inflation of about 3½% was likely to remain constant for some time.

Has market crash begun?

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Mr Neil Kinnock gambled yesterday on making Labour's unilateralist defence policy the centrepiece of his party's election platform - despite the handicap it proved when the party was heavily defeated in 1983.

But after Mr Kinnock had reaffirmed the anti-nuclear stance in his keynote speech to the Labour conference in Blackpool he walked straight into a revival of the dispute with the American Government over Labour's commitment to close the American nuclear bases in Britain.

The American Ambassador, Mr Charles Price, confirmed his government's backing for the criticisms of Labour's stance by the US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, and made it plain that American officials would continue their criticism up to the next election.

Mr Price said: "The things Cap Weinberger expressed are fully supported by the Administration."

Mr Kinnock launched his election gamble yesterday with an emphatic reaffirmation of Labour's anti-nuclear stance. But he promised that Labour would discharge its obligations to fulfil the "first duty" of any government, the maintenance of the country's security.

In a dramatic passage designed to assure the electorate that Labour was not "soft" on defence, Mr Kinnock said: "I tell you in no casual spirit that, like most of my fellow citizens, I would, if necessary fight and give my life for my country. I would die for my country."

Then, in a reference to his weekend admission that he would never ask America to use nuclear weapons to defend Britain once Labour had removed our own independent deterrent, he added: "But I could never allow my country to die for me."

In a carefully structured speech, Mr Kinnock won bursts of applause for a long attack on America's policies in Nicaragua.

But then he told the conference: "From the early warning station at Fylingdales to the submarine watching station in Pembrokeshire and from GCHQ to Cyprus, from Hong Kong to Edzell in Scotland there are intelligence and protection facilities that are essential to the national interests of the USA and the collective interests of the Nato alliance."

"We don't propose for one

instant to withdraw those facilities for we are allies and we discharge our obligations."

Mr Kinnock won a staminate ovation from the conference for his speech.

But he had no new policy points to make and he failed to please the Labour left.

Shadow ministers and MPs were delighted, however, with what they saw as a strong launching of Labour's election campaign.

The confusion remains, however, around Labour's defence policy.

The shadow Foreign Secretary, Mr Denis Healey, was quoted on BBC Television's *Panorama* programme on Monday night as saying that it was "not inconceivable" that, after consultations with Nato allies, a Labour government

might allow America to keep nuclear weapons in Britain.

On the same programme Mr Kinnock confirmed Labour's plans to close all US nuclear bases.

Yesterday Mr Healey backtracked, saying that it was no longer conceivable after what he called "the sort of bullying and blackmail which has been used by American officials".

Questioned by Sir Robin Day on what there would be to deter the Russians from attacking once Britain's independent deterrent had gone, Mr Healey said that America would still have its nuclear weapons.

When asked how Labour could win an election on a nuclear unilateralist policy when he himself had said that the party lost the last one because of its stance on defence, Mr Healey said that at the last election Labour had coupled the call for the ending of nuclear defence with a pledge to cut conventional forces by 30 per cent.

The country had believed Labour was unilateralist in all senses and not just in relation to nuclear weapons.

● MOSCOW: Tass, the official Soviet news agency, has entered the controversy over Labour's future defence policy by accusing Mr Weinberger of delivering "wretchedly ineffective and almost open threats" against the party in the run-up to its annual conference (Christopher Walker writes).

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Mob chanted 'kill, kill' as riot PC was kicked and stabbed, court told

Eye-witness accounts of the murder of Police Constable Keith Blacklock during riots in Tottenham, north London, were given in the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

For the first time in public, details were disclosed of how the officer, aged 40, who had three children, was hacked to death.

Police Constable Michael Shepard told the jury that he was in a group with PC Blacklock when they were trapped by a mob on the Broadwater Farm Estate.

"Youths came towards us with staves and a primitive form of flame-thrower which they attempted to use.

"Fortunately they were using too much gas and it was only giving out blue flashes," he said.

"I saw a group of 40 or 50 people in a circle around

something on the ground. I now know it was Keith Blacklock. They were stabbing and shouting 'kill, kill, kill'. A spike went into my helmet and I was knocked to the ground."

Police Constable Miles Barton, a friend of the dead officer, said in evidence that he was carrying a shield and had PC Blacklock behind him when they were attacked by a man with a machete.

"As soon as he started attacking us there were what seemed like hundreds around us."

"I saw Blacklock on the ground being stabbed, kicked and punched. His body was lifeless and it moved like a rag doll when it was kicked."

"The man with the machete attacked the body. There was a youth with a long piece of drainpipe hitting the body with it."

They were giving evidence at the trial of Simon MacMinn, aged 19, of Liston Road, Tottenham, who denies charges of affray and shop burglary during the riots on October 6 last year.

Det Chief Supt David French, one of the first senior officers on the scene, told the jury that he had received information several days before the riots that "organized and pre-planned violence" would occur.

"It had all the elements of having been set up," he said.

Mr MacMinn was alleged to have confessed to being close to a crowd at the spot where the officer was murdered. "I knew something bad was happening. They were out to kill somebody," he told detectives later.

The trial continues today.



The Living Lindy Hoppers, a group of young Londoners, reviving the American dance form of "lindy hopping" yesterday at the ICA Theatre in London. They were marking the launch of Dance Umbrella '86, claimed as Britain's largest showcase for international contemporary dance, which will run for six weeks from next Monday (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Portfolio Gold - Woman of 73 is winner

A retired Civil Servant is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Elizabeth Stiffell, aged 73, from Perranarworthal, near Truro in Cornwall, has played the Portfolio Gold game for five years and the Portfolio Gold game for the past six months.

She said she could not believe her luck.

"I kept on checking the numbers before I phoned 747 because I wanted to be sure that I wouldn't be wrong," she said.

Asked what she intended doing with her prize money, Mrs Stiffell said: "There are so many things I would like to buy. But I'd rather wait and think about it."

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Campaign to revive more victims

Hundreds of lives could be saved each year if people knew simple rules about resuscitation, the Royal Society of Medicine claimed yesterday.

It said hundreds of thousands of people die every year before an ambulance reaches them, either after a road accident or a heart attack.

Launching its "Save a Life" campaign yesterday, Mrs Penny Webb, the campaign director, said she hoped that 250,000 people could be trained in simple resuscitation techniques within the next six months.

Solicitor will not fight extradition

By Diana Geddes and Ian Smith

Mr Ian Wood, the solicitor being sought by police in connection with the murder of his French mistress and her daughter, was awaiting extradition to Britain last night after being transferred to the Amiens jail.

M. René Hardy, the public prosecutor in Amiens, said that Mr Wood, aged 36, had been taken to the prison from a police cell in the town.

Shortly before his transfer, Mr Wood was seen for quarter of an hour in the office of the Amiens chief of police by his brother Mark, aged 29, and his sister, Mrs Victoria Weeks, aged 31.

They said their brother, who appeared calm but was very emotional, would not be opposing extradition.

Mr Wood was arrested by French police after threatening to throw himself from the top of the Amiens Cathedral on Monday. He came down after nearly two hours of negotiations with the police and a Catholic priest.

Mr Mark Wood said that his brother had apparently come over to France on a ferry last week, and had first gone to Paris, where he had visited various churches, including Notre Dame.

He had then driven to Amiens, the home town of his murdered French mistress, Danielle Ledez.

Mr Mark Wood said: "He

Neglected child was called 'Oi'

By Angella Johnson

A girl aged three thought her name was "Oi" because that was what her parents called her, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday.

When an NSPCC officer visited the house after being called by neighbours, the child was so starved of affection she rushed to put her thin arms around him. Her parents insisted the child was happy, but the inspector found no toys in the house. Sarah was put into care and investigations showed that her stepfather resented the child and the mother was too scared to show she cared.

The child was one of thousands in Britain who live a Dickensian lifestyle of neglect which can scar them for life, the NSPCC said at the launch of a £250,000 campaign to highlight the fact that many youngsters were denied food, warmth, shelter and love.

"These are the forgotten children, victims of neglect which is often coupled with physical or sexual abuse," the society said.

"Neglect crosses all social strata, affecting rich and poor alike... it is crushing the physical and emotional development of children - damaging minds and bodies," Dr Alan Gilmore, the NSPCC director, said.

The NSPCC says that the forgotten children are often those left alone, ignored, not properly fed or clothed, never washed or living in filthy conditions. Such children can end up scavenging through litter bins for food.

A boy aged three was seen searching rubbish bins and drinking water from a lavatory bowl because he was hungry and thirsty when he visited a NSPCC family centre in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

Billy, aged three, and his brother, Paul, aged 15 months, were found by an NSPCC officer dirty, damp with urine, frightened and alone in a sixth floor flat. The only food in the home was a slice of bread and no one knew where their parents were.

When the NSPCC found Billy's mother they discovered she had been left with huge debts by her husband and walked out on the children after hearing he had a girl friend. They helped her to regain her confidence and look after her children.

The NSPCC intends to focus new attention on such cruelty by mounting its biggest ever offensive against neglect and abuse. They hope increased awareness will encourage people to tell them of youngsters at risk.

Dr Gilmore said: "Many parents are unaware they are neglecting their children because they are putting their own interests first. The NSPCC deals with more cases of neglect than physical and sexual abuse put together."

He said social workers and other professionals involved in child care often ignored the problem because of the complexity, intractability and long-term nature of dealing with it.

Although many neglected children are from families with low income, Dr Gilmore says a comfortable clean home where the parents show no affection is also an example of neglect.

The Forgotten Children campaign will be trying to make the public and professionals more aware of neglect and encourage them to get in touch with the NSPCC.

Falklands author challenges BBC

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The author of a controversial play about the Falklands conflict yesterday challenged the BBC's explanation for postponing production until after the next general election.

The BBC said it had decided in July that the characterization of an incumbent Prime Minister and serving members of the Cabinet would have been irresponsible, and an "unnecessary dramatic risk", in the run-up to an election.

However, Mr Ian Curteis claims that the £1 million production was shelved because he refused to make political changes to his script, which he says conflicted with a previous assurance from Mr Alasdair Milne, director general of the BBC.

Mr Curteis said: "On June 2, the director general personally assured me that the coming election would not be a valid reason for cancelling the play. This was later confirmed in correspondence."

Mr Curteis subsequently suggested that the play be produced on schedule, but transmitted after the election, instead of on April 2 next year - the fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion.

Mr Curteis has alleged that a BBC executive asked him to consider changing certain scenes, to give the impression that some government decisions were taken for political gain.

He rejected BBC denials that it had sought to alter the

Choice of corporation chairman is delayed

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The selection of a new BBC chairman has been delayed after the rejection by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, of a shortlist of candidates put to her by the Home Office.

An official familiar with the selection process said yesterday: "The appointment is no longer imminent."

The BBC has been without a chairman since the death late in August of Sir Stuart Young.

BBC officials hoped that Lord Barnett, a political mod-

erate who is the corporation's vice-chairman, would get the job. But in rejecting the Home Office shortlist, Mrs Thatcher has implicitly ruled him out.

BBC officials yesterday admitted they were fearful about the consequences of allegations that the BBC sought to amend a play about the Falklands conflict.

The dispute may strengthen the resolve of the Prime Minister to appoint a hard-line chairman.

political slant of the play.

"It is absolutely plain that this major production was cancelled because I refused to comply with an attempt to falsify recent history in a particularly ugly way. The producer, the director and myself were united in rejecting such pressure," he said.

The BBC decision has left Mr Cedric Messina, the producer, in the enviable position of having secured a lucrative seven-month contract with ostensibly nothing to do. The corporation is expected to offer him an alternative production, however he is under no contractual obligation to accept it.

Several Conservative politicians have expressed concern about the affair.

Mr Nicholas Soames, MP, is writing to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Gerald Howarth, MP, said yesterday: "It is scandalous that the BBC has apparently assumed the role of official rewriter of British history."

Pregnancy warning over Aids

Pregnancy increases the risk of contracting Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) women were warned yesterday.

The Terence Higgins Trust appealed to sexually active women, especially those who have bisexual partners, to avoid becoming pregnant.

In a leaflet, *Women and Aids*, the trust said that women in high risk groups, or whose partners were in high risk groups and those who had been diagnosed as carrying the Aids virus should avoid pregnancy. That also applied to women who had decided not to take an Aids virus test.

"If you do become pregnant you might want to consider having an abortion as pregnancy increases the chances of an infected woman developing Aids," the leaflet says.

Women infected with the Aids virus might pass it on to their unborn children.

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service has announced that from now on sperm deposits will be put "in quarantine" while donors undergo Aids tests.

The Institute of Housing will hold a seminar in London on Friday to train housing officers how to deal with occupants who have Aids. Sufferers had been harassed by neighbours urging them to leave their homes.

Victims of rape still doubted

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Rape victims whose experiences do not fit preconceptions of police, courts and society are often still treated with scepticism, a leading police expert on rape investigations yesterday told a conference of senior officers.

Commander Thelma Wagstaff, who led a Scotland Yard working party which radically changed rape investigations in London, said few doubts were raised when victims were under 10 or over 70; had suffered extreme violence or threats with weapons; were attacked by a gang, or there had been similar incidents in the area.

Yet outside those categories there was sometimes a "huge reluctance" by society to accept rape had occurred.

Miss Wagstaff, who was presenting a paper on the work on rape in London to the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association, said there were seven situations which threw up scepticism.

Those were incidents where the victim offered no resistance or did not try to escape. Other situations included one where no violence was used; where the woman took some time to report the incident

On-the-spot road fines start today

Police traffic patrols go out today armed with pads of fixed penalty tickets with which to penalize motorists under the new system of "on-the-spot" justice (Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, writes).

Motorists who commit one of a wide range of offences - from speeding to having defective tyres or failing to wear a seat belt - may find themselves faced with a fixed penalty ticket for £12 or £24, depending on whether the offence is endorsable. Offenders have 28 days in which to pay or request a court hearing.

The penalty of the parking ticket to a whole range of more serious offences, is aimed at saving time and money by reducing the number of cases going through the courts.

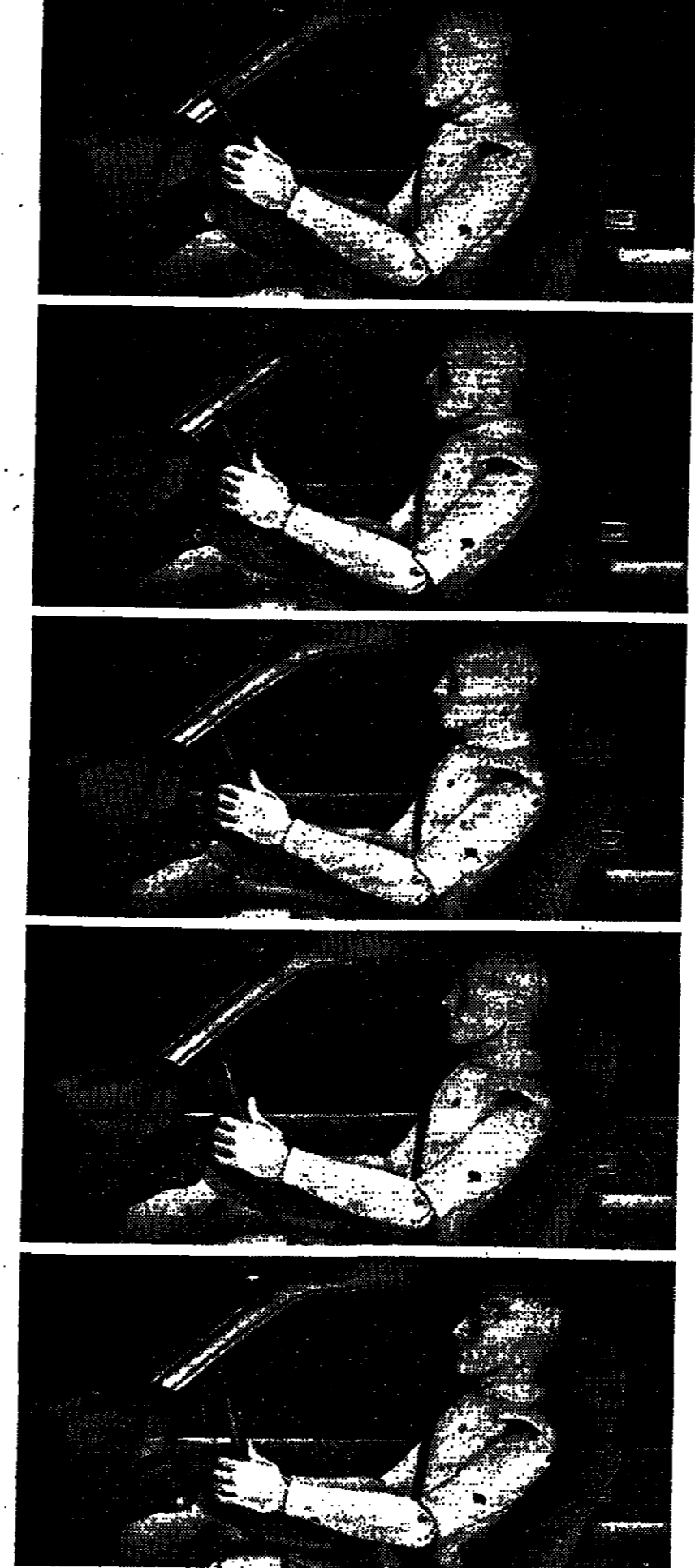
But unlike the parking ticket, on which some £12 million a year is lost in unpaid fines in London alone, the Government is determined that the new fixed penalty tickets will be paid.

If the motorist decides to ignore his ticket, the penalty will be increased by 50 per cent and the sum payable registered in the driver's local court as a fine for which the court will be able to use its powers to secure payment.

The Home Office says: "It's not a cheap way to break the law. To ignore the ticket will make you automatically answerable to the court and prove expensive."

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Leader's speech • Naming judges • Prisons policy • NEC vote

Labour will stand with Allies, Kinnock pledges

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, made a speech in his address to the Labour Party conference in Blackpool yesterday that an incoming Labour Government would not withdraw vital non-nuclear facilities that were critical of the defence and intelligence needs of the United States.

A society more divided than since the last war

continue to play their part in providing security for the American people. No US Government would want to sacrifice that, he told the conference but only after he voiced his opinion that if a member of Nato was to seek to subordinate the policies of a democratically-elected allied government it would be invalidating the very principles of democracy and sovereignty that Nato existed to defend.

have come as such a surprise considering the assembly had the inspirational experience of being addressed by Dr Owen. "As the Tories fade and the Liberals and SDP falter, our party is entering its fourth year of recovery and of advance. That recovery has been worked for by all people across the movement."

There is a moral majority. It is broadminded and compassionate

asked himself: "Just where do they get their idea of morality?" He went on: "There is a moral majority; it is not narrow, bigoted, self-righteous, crude; it is broadminded and compassionate. That majority is not sentimental; it is realistic for it knows that if its morality is going to have a practical effect it must be backed by material provision."



Mr Denis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary, and his wife, Edna, in Blackpool yesterday for the conference

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impress potential enemies. They could call it the minimum deterrent but could kill 60 or 70 million people. "They can call it these names as long as they like but in reality it would not increase security but would be the *entente terminale*." (Applause)

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INDUSTRY

Delegates display their unity

The desire of the Labour Party to present a united front was demonstrated in the debate on industrial relations when the Tass section of the Amalgamated Engineering Union agreed to remit to the national executive committee a motion, parts of which were said to conflict with TUC/Labour joint policy.

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Today's agenda

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'We must be party of equality'

Delegates forced a card vote at the end of a debate on lesbian and gay rights to get the motion written into the party's programme. Although the motion, instructing the national executive committee to draft a lesbian and gay rights policy and calling on Labour local authorities and groups to adopt policies to prevent discrimination, was carried on a show of hands, it needed a card vote with a two-thirds majority to be written into the party programme.

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By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

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Results of the Labour Party National Executive Committee elections were:

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Main question concerns Nato

But for Mr Kinnock yesterday that was the case. What mattered was whether he could assuage the fear that a Labour government would undermine Nato and whether he could resolve the uncertainty created by Denis Healey's recent remarks. He failed on both accounts.

Divisions on independent schooling

Independent schools could face a future where they all became truly "public" if a motion passed by the Labour conference is put into effect. The motion was agreed on a show of hands without the need for a vote necessary to show the majority required for it to become official Labour policy.

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Hurd says more police accountability would put enemies in control

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Labour proposals for greater police accountability would mean handing control of the police in some of the most dangerous areas to their very enemies, senior police commanders were told yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd made his attack on accountability plans while addressing a conference of the Police Superintendents' Association at Harrogate as the Labour Party conference in Blackpool debated police issues yesterday morning.

The Home Secretary told an audience representing more than 2,000 police commanders that in spite of the difficult situation in inner-city areas they managed to balance the need to keep the peace with enforcing the law.

He said: "In circumstances like these I thank heaven for the operational independence of chief officers and for the traditional delegation of authority to the man on the spot."

Mr Hurd told the conference: "Ideas now being bandied about for greater accountability may sound cosy at party conferences."

"But if, as I believe, they in practice would mean handing control of the police in some of the most dangerous areas to the enemies of the police, then how is the individual citizen to be protected? ... the concept of operational independence under the law suits British policing best."

There was controversy over the use of plastic bullets and the tactics of handling disorder but the Home Secretary told his police audience: "It will be interesting to see how some of your critics would react to being placed in the front line of a riot situation."

Asked to define what he meant by "enemies" Mr Hurd said: "I am not talking about the Labour Party as a whole because what I have said would not fit the wishes of Mr Kinnoch or Mr Kaufman, but they need to put their own house in order in that respect."

Mr Hurd said he was referring to a number of London boroughs and the situation in Manchester, where the police were attacked in a glossy ma-

Labour is accused on picketing

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday accused the Labour Party of ducking the question of how the police should respond to picket line violence of the kind seen in the printworkers' dispute at Wapping, east London (Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter, writes).

He told industrialists in Bradford that the responsibility for police involvement in such disturbances lay not, as Labour policies, but with the practice of mass picketing — destined to become more common under the Opposition's proposed new union laws.

He added: "I have not been able to get a straight answer to the simple question: 'Faced with attempts by mass picketing to prevent workers who have chosen to go to work from going about their lawful occupations, what are the police supposed to do? Ignore the picketing and allow bullying tactics to triumph?'"

"If Labour thinks the police should not protect one group of trade unionists from their more militant brethren, then this gives a more sinister dimension to the title of their law and order document, *Protecting our People*."

The Home Secretary also said that Labour's promise to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act was "an act of appeasement of their own left wing" and would deprive the police of a crucial weapon in their armoury.

He suggested that a future Labour government might, through lack of money, renege on its promise to put "more bobbies on the beat".

gazine prepared by a local police monitoring group.

There were plenty of Labour authorities and individual politicians who were supportive of the police, but there were others in London and Manchester who were constantly sniping at the police and undermining their efforts.

The Home Secretary pointed to criticisms of the police and other comments from local politicians after the Broad-

water Farm estate riot last year.

There was also the antipathy by some London boroughs to police programmes for crime prevention or police visits to schools.

During his speech to the conference, Mr Hurd addressed the question of manpower shortages which has already drawn criticism from the association which is calling for more men.

The Home Secretary promised that several hundred more officers are likely to be given to forces in the next few months as part of a programme announced earlier this year.

But told police: "In seeking more resources I cannot use the crude argument, that more officers will produce a drop in crime. That would fly in the face of all the evidence."

He said he had to show that more officers were needed for specific tasks and that is what he was doing.

Increases in police and civilian staff already announced would lead to an increase of 4,400 in operational police strengths during the next few years.

In spite of the criticism of the lack of manpower many forces were below establishment.

At the end of July, Mr Hurd said, there were 1,024 vacancies in provincial forces and 10 forces had a shortfall of more than 1.5 per cent of their establishment. The Metropolitan Police had 733 vacancies on its establishment, which included 300 extra posts given to it this year.

London was recruiting and other forces should do the same because, the Home Secretary said, the money was available.

Noting the problems faced by the police Mr Hurd pointed to the cost of the Wapping dispute where he said 379 officers had been injured and 1,181 arrests made.

He said he was saddened to see valuable police resources diverted and hoped the dispute would be resolved soon.

What the police faced was not mainly a matter of printworkers exercising their right to picket but "a matter of undisciplined groups seeking an outlet for violence".



Captain Mark Phillips, carrying a spade to cut the first turf for a £3 million equestrian centre to be built at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire.

Captain Phillips, who will manage the centre when it opens in 1988, said yesterday that it will rival the best in the world. As well as providing riding instruction, it is envisaged that the

centre will stage international events. Captain Phillips said: "I thought it would be wonderful if I could do more teaching in the United Kingdom."

The centre, subject to final planning approval, will be built on an eight-acre site. A 30,000 sq ft arena will seat 500 spectators and 70 competitors (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Crown court service

Solicitors' role a pay issue

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Rights for solicitors to appear in crown courts will be one of the key issues tied in with the next round of pay talks about to start between the two branches of the legal profession and the Government.

The Bar is to press for a change in the rules so that barristers can appear on their own in crown court cases without a solicitor needing to attend them.

Solicitors are determined however that if lawyers are allowed to appear alone in the crown court, then it must be on the basis that the lawyer can be either a barrister or a solicitor.

In the last pay round 2 per cent of the Bar's pay rise, which takes effect today, was in return for agreeing that barristers might appear alone in magistrates' courts. Now Bar leaders want to reach agreement with the Law Society that the same might apply in crown court cases.

The issue is likely to be one of the most controversial in the next round of discussions. It was raised by officials in the last pay talks when the Law Society described it as "the most significant proposal from the Government" but no agreement was reached.

At that time the Law Society said that if the Government "insists for public purse considerations" that crown court cases can be conducted by one lawyer, then it must be possible for that lawyer to be either a solicitor or barrister.

But the Bar chairman, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, indicated last weekend that there might be room for manoeuvre. Addressing a solicitors' conference he outlined the pros and cons of granting solicitors limited crown court rights in simple cases.

Although stopping short of conceding the case, he did entertain the possibility of such rights for the private

profession, emphasizing that on no account should they be extended to the crown prosecution service.

The early operations of the new crown prosecution service, which comes into force today, has already created a catalogue of inefficiency with lost cases, wasted police time and incompetent lawyers, the Home Secretary was told yesterday at a conference of senior police officers (Stewart Tendler writes).

The problems of the service were outlined by Chief Supt Leslie Stowe, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, when he addressed Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and members of the association at its annual conference in Harrogate.

Mr Stowe said there were examples of case papers being lost, cases discharged for lack of prosecution, and magistrates threatening to discharge prisoners facing very serious offences.

Acid rain: 3 Children help out in pollution war

Satellite photographs and children's acid kits are two of the tools being used in the race to find the exact causes and effects of acid rain.

The Government has commissioned researchers based at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, at Farnborough, Hampshire, to choose a British power station and see if the path and destination of its smoke plume can be traced reliably by photography from a satellite.

Meanwhile, on the ground Mr William Waldegrave, newly confirmed in his role as Minister for the Environment and Countryside, has given his blessing to a scheme that will involve children in the search for the precise effects of acid rain.

The project, in which children will test the acidity of rain that falls on gardens at their homes during the next month, is described by its organizers as "the most ambitious environmental survey of its kind."

It is being organized by Watch, the junior branch of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, which says: "There simply are not enough professional scientists to collect all the information we need to understand acid rain properly."

The slow pace of political acceptance of responsibility for acid damage enrages environmental campaigners.

Britain has been cast as one of the villains of Europe for its refusal to adopt international standards. Soil structure, prevailing winds and industrial practice all help to ensure that Britain exports more atmospheric pollution than it endures.

But even here concern is growing about the impact of acid rain on watercourses, including some of the finest and most lucrative salmon streams in Scotland and northern England.

Some of the airborne moisture reaching Scottish lochs and rivers is turning out to be almost as acidic as lemon juice. The relationship between the water droplets in the sky and the fish in the streams is turning out to be more complex than was first imagined.

Two processes seem to coincide so that the streams catch a stiff seasonal dose of acid just as the salmon are hatching. The power stations

Millions of pounds are being poured into research to find the answers to the mysteries of acid rain. But as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the third of four articles, it is hard to persuade governments to go further and invest heavily in environmental protection outside their own countries.

producing the emissions that lead to acid rain are owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board, which is sponsoring wide research into the problem.

Its chairman, Lord Marshall of Goring, believes that there is now "a solid and sound scientific basis for linking acid deposition and fishery status".

The Government has agreed for the first time this year that Britain is responsible for some of the acid damage recorded in Norway. That is one reason why ministers have agreed to a partial curb on acid emissions from British coal-fired power stations.

But Britain continues to object to 1980 being used as the starting date for multinational efforts to reduce the emissions that cause acid rain. The 21 nations who are members of the "30 per cent" club have agreed to cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 30 per cent between the starting date and the mid-1990s.

The 1980 date is also significant for a draft EEC rule telling member states to cut sulphur dioxide emissions from factories and power stations by 60 per cent and nitrogen oxides by 40 per cent.

Britain, which is outside the club and opposes the draft, argues that starting with 1980 neatly skips past the period in the mid-1970s when British emissions fell fastest.

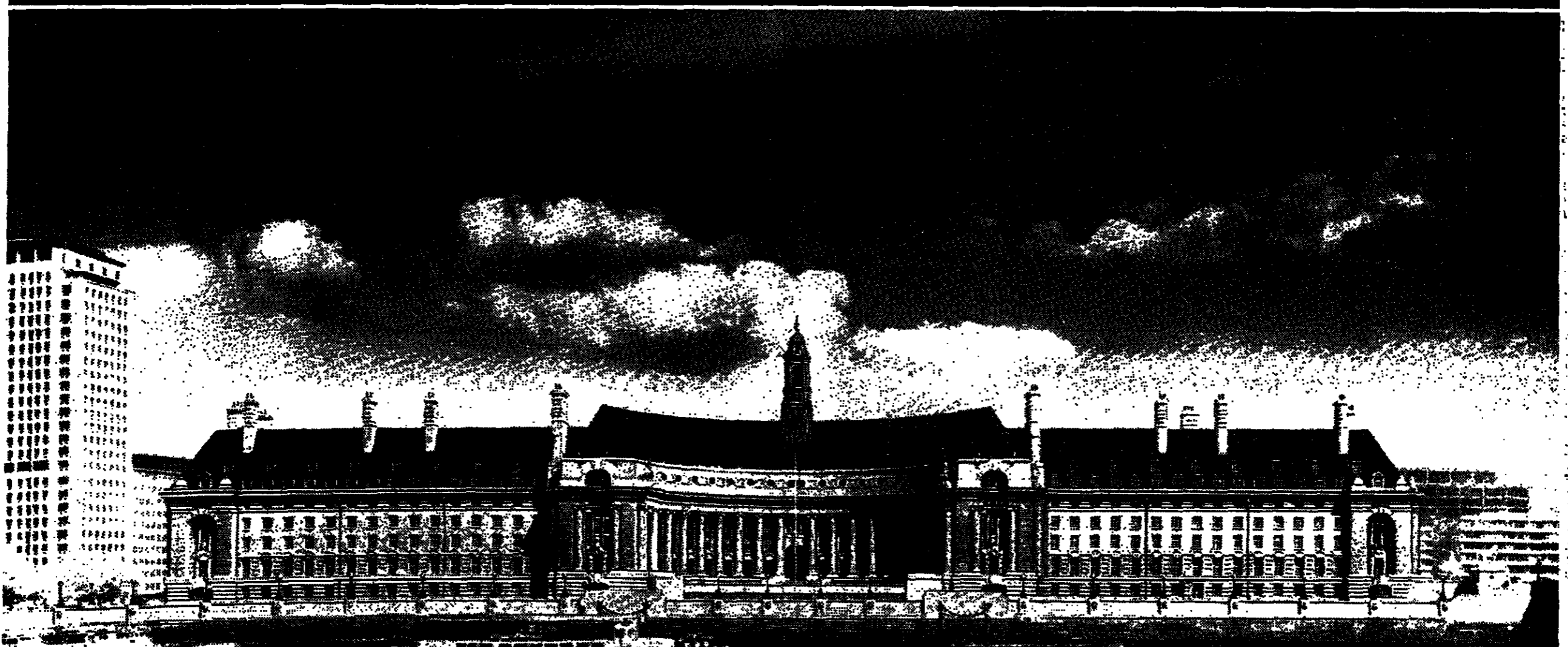
That does not satisfy critics who see evidence of environmental damage from acid all over Europe.

Their concern is echoed in the EEC Commission where Mr Clinton Davis, the former British Labour minister who is now Commissioner responsible for environmental protection, called for faster political acceptance of the need for action.

He said in London: "Part of the political problem is to convince the damage exporters that they must spend money to help others."

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Journalists and Soviet citizens face new atmosphere of distrust

Daniloff affair casts a shadow over future of openness campaign

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Whatever the final verdict on the complex deal which ended the 30-day ordeal of Nicholas Daniloff, there can be no doubt that the arrest, interrogation and attempted character assassination of one of the most senior members of the large Moscow press corps will leave its mark on the reporting of the Soviet Union at a crucial moment in its history.

"However hard the Reagan Administration may try to gloss things over, there are few of us not convinced that what the KGB heavy mob has done once, it is quite capable of trying again."

He added that the bitterness would be greater because of the expectations of change that had been so widely aroused by Mr Gorbachov's campaign of glasnost (openness), and his assiduous wooing of the foreign media during his early months in office.

A similar view was taken by many of the hundreds of Westerners now living in the Soviet Union without diplomatic immunity (the majority either journalists or businessmen). Several have complained that one result of the Daniloff affair was to leave them as quasi-hostages for the behaviour of their own government towards Soviet citizens without immunity suspected of espionage in their home countries.

"What has happened is a very bad precedent for all of us living here," said one West European diplomat with two years' service in Moscow. "My view, and the view of many in the embassy, is that the Americans should have acted a lot tougher from the outset. Once both Daniloff and Zakharov had been let out to their respective embassies,

the principle of some sort of equality had been conceded. As if to drive home the lessons of the affair for reporters, the Communist Party paper, *Sovetskaya Rossiya* - reputedly the daily most favoured by Mr Gorbachov - carried a strident article yesterday emphasizing what it alleged were the close links between American journalists and the CIA.

"Daniloff is not the only agent of the CIA hiding behind a correspondent's card," it claimed.

Although most Western reporters remained convinced of Mr Daniloff's innocence, especially those who had known him well during his recent five-and-a-half-year stint in Moscow, the great majority of Soviet citizens - with the exception of the US and Soviet negotiators on space and defence met for three hours yesterday at the US mission in Geneva (AP reports). No details were released. The teams were led by Mr Max Kampelman and Mr Viktor Karpov.

Russian friends who bravely stood by him and his family - will have taken their cue from the Kremlin and regarded him as guilty.

Inevitably, the atmosphere of mutual suspicion which has long dominated relations between Western correspondents and most Soviet citizens has worsened, a result which diplomats believe will have been regarded as one of the most valuable spin-offs of the affair by those in charge at KGB headquarters at 2, Dzerzhinsky Square, in central Moscow.

"There have been more than enough signs to indicate that some senior people inside the secret police were getting restive about the idea of opening too far what they wanted to keep a closed

society," another Western diplomat said. "This was their perfect opportunity to drive home the message to any citizen prepared for too close contact with foreigners."

Already in the four weeks since Mr Daniloff was unceremoniously bundled into the back of a KGB van with his wrists painfully handcuffed, Western newsmen have detected a growing reluctance among certain of their Soviet contacts to keep up the type of relationship which existed previously.

The increased suspicion has been mutual, with the correspondents displaying more than the normal prudence when dealing with invitations to meet Soviet citizens away from their offices.

One leading American correspondent recalled that in the week before Mr Daniloff was seized, he had received four calls from a supposed "Ukrainian nationalist" requesting "an urgent meeting".

As part of the unwritten set of "Moscow rules" which had grown noticeably laxer during the Gorbachov era, Western newsmen always used to attend meetings in twos, and travel only in Western company when outside Moscow. Most are now once again sticking closely to those commonsense precautions.

Friendships formed before the Daniloff affair, which are so vital for any proper understanding of such a vast and secretive country, of course remain.

But, for several months at least, both parties are going to be treating each other with much greater doubt than before. Nick Daniloff went to the Lenin Hills district, only five minutes from his office, thinking that he would be exchanging farewell gifts with Misha, a 27-year old teacher who until that day had been a well-liked and trusted contact.



An emotional farewell for Mr Daniloff as he embraces the US Consul-General in Frankfurt, Mr Alexander Battray.

Man in the News

Orlov expected to leave for America

By Nicholas Beeston, and Mohsin Ali in Washington

The release of Mr Yuri Orlov brings to an end eight years of hard campaigning by human rights groups and Western governments for a political prisoner, considered the second most prominent dissident figure in the Soviet Union.

Mr Orlov, aged 62, was last seen in 1978 when a court found him guilty of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" and sentenced him to a maximum term of seven years' hard labour in a prison camp and five years' internal exile in the remote Siberian town of Kobay.

Mr Orlov has a history of outspoken criticism of the Soviet regime dating back to 1956, when as a nuclear physicist he was expelled from the Communist Party and the Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Physics and sent to Armenia.

He returned to Moscow in 1972 and was re-admitted to the institute, but then embarked on five years of human rights campaigning, which ended in his arrest and imprisonment.

Mr Orlov is one of the founder members of the Helsinki monitoring group and, in the words of Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, "a giant of the Soviet human rights movement".

He and his wife Arina will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union by next Tuesday and are expected to come to America. The precise timing and means of their departure will be determined by the US through diplomatic channels with the Soviet Union.

Mr Orlov, a member of the Armenian Academy of Sciences, was chairman of the Helsinki group until his arrest in October 1977.

Mr Shultz said: "The Helsinki monitor, as a courageous group of human rights activists, openly attempted to hold the Soviet authorities accountable to their commitments" under the 1975 Helsinki declaration on East-West detente and human rights.

They maintained direct contact with Western diplomats and journalists in an effort to keep them informed of Soviet human rights abuses. Such well-known figures as Andrei Sakharov, Yelena Bonner and Anatoly Shcharansky took part in the Moscow Helsinki monitoring group.

Similar groups, modelled on the Moscow example, sprang up in other Soviet cities. Mr Shultz added: "As chairman of the Moscow group, he singled himself out for particular attention from the KGB and was caught up in the first wave of arrests of group members. Since 1984, he has been forced to live in a remote Siberian village in extremely harsh physical conditions."

"At age 62, Mr Orlov is in extremely poor health as a result of prolonged periods of solitary confinement, up to six months at a time, in labour camps and severe beatings suffered both in camp and in exile."

Mr Orlov's wife shared his commitment to the Helsinki process. She has maintained regular contact with Western embassies and journalists over the years since her husband's arrest and has steadfastly worked to ameliorate the harsh conditions of his confinement, Mr Shultz said yesterday.

Solidarity comes in from the cold

Warsaw (Reuters) - Mr Zbigniew Bujak, the former Solidarity underground leader, said yesterday that the banned trade union's underground branch would emerge to work in public in response to a government amnesty for all political prisoners.

Mr Bujak, who was released last month under the amnesty, said that underground leaders still on the run would leave the movement immediately.

Two underground activists, Mr Jan Lutyński and Mr Wiktor Kulerski, presented themselves at a news conference.

Terror threat to mayors

Beirut (Reuters) - A statement issued in the name of the Abu Nidal group has threatened to kill three newly-appointed Arab mayors in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"We issue an ultimatum to these mean and dirty faces in Hebron, Ramallah and Al-Bireh," it said. "The fate of Zaker al-Masri is awaiting them, and very soon." Mr al-Masri, Mayor of Nablus, was shot dead soon after taking office in March.

Mounties miss their men

Ottawa - Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables guarding embassies here have had their semi-automatic weapons taken away after two accidental firings in a week (John Best writes).

An MP5 sub-machine gun was discharged into the pavement during a parade at the Mounties' headquarters on Saturday, and four days earlier a constable shot himself in the foot outside the residence of the US Ambassador.

Shin Bet men transferred

Jerusalem - Pressure from lawyers in the state prosecutor's office has forced the two senior legal advisers of the Shin Bet counter-intelligence agency to be transferred to less sensitive jobs (Ian Murray writes).

They received a presidential pardon after admitting falsifying evidence and suborning witnesses before two official commissions of inquiry into the killing of two Palestinians by the agency in 1984.

Top brass

General Wolfgang Altenburg, aged 58, of the West German Army, takes over as chairman of Nato's military committee today from General Cornelius de Jager of the Netherlands.

VW stalled

Wolfsburg (Reuters) - A fire at an assembly line at West Germany's leading car maker, Volkswagen, halted production for four hours.

Envoys back

Athens (Reuters) - Greek diplomats at the Foreign Ministry and at embassies overseas went back to work after suspending a pay strike following settlement of one demand.

Arsenic error

Peking (Reuters) - A chemist's assistant has been charged with manslaughter over the deaths of six customers who took arsenic given in error to 16 patients of her father-in-law, a doctor who had prescribed other medicine.

Vatican safe

Rome (Reuters) - Three gunmen tried unsuccessfully to rob a safe in the Vatican because an employee held at gunpoint told them he did not have a key and sounded an alarm, Vatican officials said.

Colony plea

London - Mr Desmond Yu Tai Lee, a Hong Kong parliamentarian, appealed to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to grant the colony's citizens dual nationality "as an insurance measure" against China's takeover in 1997.

Star test

Washington (Reuters) - A US Air Force F15 fighter launched a 18 anti-satellite weapon aimed at a distant star in the fifth successful test of the projectile, the Pentagon said.

Peres date

Hadera, Israel (Reuters) - Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, said he would resign on October 10 for Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, to form a new government under a 1984 power-sharing accord which gave him until October 14.

Lenin out

Santa Eugenia Ribera, Spain (Reuters) - Town officials refused permission for Senator José Herro Somoza to name his son Lenin after a family friend. "To keep politics out of it," he has decided to call him Juan Sebastián.

Zimbabwe torture dilemma

From A Correspondent Harare

The dilemma facing Zimbabwean churchmen over publicizing human rights abuses has been brought into the open here, although the subject escaped debate, at a Presbyterian general assembly. The church decided to keep secret the contents of 24 "case studies" it presented to the Government of Mr Robert Mugabe.

In July the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Enos Nkala, threatened to invoke his sweeping powers of indefinite detention against anyone found in communication with Amnesty International's London headquarters.

In a recent report, Amnesty alleged widespread detention and mistreatment of suspected Government opponents, particularly in the Masabese land provinces loyal to Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zanu party. A spokesman for the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa said that members of its Zimbabwean church and nation committee had "entered into a covenant relationship they did not want to destroy" when they received an assurance that their "case studies" would be investigated by the authorities.

The committee entered a minute recording "the pain they felt on the reports they had heard of unlawful detention and torture".

South African churchmen, who joined colleagues from Zimbabwe and Zambia for the Harare general assembly, faced a similar possibility of confrontation with their authorities when they debated whether to urge young Presbyterians not to serve in the South African forces. This is an offence under South African legislation.

The 150 delegates, representing 70,000 Presbyterians in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia, voted to receive a report which said that neither South African forces nor those of black liberation movements were vindicated by traditional Presbyterian doctrines of a "just war". This is the nearest the church has yet come to advocating conscientious objection.

The Presbyterians also voted to offer chaplaincy services to the African National Congress, to the Pan-Africanist Congress and to Swapo, as well as to the forces of South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

With a membership which is 60 per cent white, the Presbyterians are the only English-speaking denomination in southern Africa not dominated by blacks.



Defiant black South African youths in Soweto confronting police who had just given them five minutes to disperse at the funeral of an 18-year-old killed by police gunfire.

Howe defends British stand on sanctions

By Our Foreign Staff

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday defended Britain's stand on sanctions against South Africa and told the Commonwealth to concentrate "on realistic joint commitments".

Speaking at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, in a day dominated by the issue of sanctions, he warned that Commonwealth meetings should not be devalued by discord.

Britain was isolated in the Commonwealth mini-summit last month when it refused to accept a policy of broad sanctions adopted by the other member countries.

But Sir Geoffrey said the Government did not believe that apartheid could be defeated by wrecking the economies of southern Africa.

"A bankrupt South Africa is no legacy for the majority who will one day control it," he said, adding that critics of the Government's policy should not question its sincere desire to end apartheid.

Sudan food airlift to restart

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

The first food airlift to southern Sudan since rebels shot down a civilian airliner in August is due to take off from Khartoum today for Juba, the main town in the south.

Operation Rainbow, backed by the United Nations, has been delayed for ten days by the Sudan Government's refusal to allow flights to areas controlled by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), and by SPLA threats to shoot down aircraft, including relief flights.

Earlier plans to reach starving civilians in areas controlled by both Government and rebels have now been shelved. There are no plans at present to fly into Wau, one of the worst-hit famine areas.

Sudan officials say food can be sent by road from Juba to Wau, but there are doubts about whether government forces can prevent rebel attacks in this area.

Operation Rainbow is planned to continue for a month. The C 130 Hercules cargo aircraft can carry up to 30 tons of food at a time.

Relief agencies hope that their assurances that the airlift is for the benefit of starving civilians will influence the SPLA against trying to shoot down the aid flights.

More than two million people in southern Sudan are thought to be short of food.

Mayor sacked for not going Dutch

From Richard Owen, Brussels

In a decision which is bound to inflame dormant linguistic differences in Belgium, and could lead to a government crisis, the Belgian Council of State yesterday dismissed the controversial mayor of a small French-speaking community near the Dutch border for his refusal to speak Dutch or deal with the surrounding Flemish population.

The Belgian coalition Government had hoped that the long-standing divisions between the French-speaking population of Wallonia and the Dutch (or Flemish) speaking people of Flanders were over, and that the passions and violence which the split has traditionally provoked were no longer a live issue.

But the language problem, which in the past has brought down Belgian governments, recently resurfaced around the figure of Mr José Happart, who since 1982 has been the Francophone mayor of the group of villages known as the Fourons, a co-ethnic community of about 4,000 people.

As a French-speaking enclave in a Flemish area, the Fourons were placed administratively under Limburg in Flanders more than 20 years ago.

But the villagers, led by the outspoken Mr Happart, want their local affairs returned to Liège in Wallonia, and there has been a revival of the

tensions, demonstrations and slogans since the 1970s. The Council of State ruled that the area, like the rest of Belgium, must be bilingual. Mr Happart refuses to speak Dutch even though - it was revealed - he came top of the class in Dutch as a boy.

Mr Happart precipitated the crisis a year ago by refusing to take a proficiency test in Flemish. He was dismissed by the provincial council and yesterday's ruling by Belgium's supreme legal body was his last chance of a reprieve.

But Dr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, said Mr Happart was not worth a crisis "although the Fourons are".

The Government has tried in vain to make the Fourons - where the French speakers refuse even to play football or drink beer with Dutch speakers - into a symbol of linguistic peace at a time when it is already beset by other coalition disagreements over economic austerity and public spending cuts.

French told to beware more bombs

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The French Interior Minister, M Charles Pasqua, has appealed on television for continued public vigilance against terrorist bomb attacks. Referring to the current pause in the Paris bombings, M Pasqua said he did not believe terrorist activities had ended.

"I am afraid, unfortunately, that the worst may not be behind us," he said. The minister added that all inquiries into the bombings led back to the Abdullah family and evidence showed that the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Far) had been responsible.

The brothers of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, imprisoned in France and presumed to be the head of Far, have again offered to return to France from Lebanon to prove their innocence, if the French would guarantee their safety. M Pasqua said that if they had nothing to hide let them come.

Congress battle over CIA funds

From Michael Binyon Washington

Representatives of the House and Senate are to meet soon in secret to discuss funding for the Central Intelligence Agency, after an angry confrontation between the agency and Senator Jesse Helms over his attempts to establish new guidelines for the CIA.

Senator Helms, still smarting about alleged CIA surveillance of his meeting with President Pinochet of Chile in July, has proposed an amendment to the CIA's secret budget, which Administration officials say undercuts the agency's authority to manage its own affairs.

There was a sharp confrontation between Mr William Casey, the CIA's director, and Senator Helms, who said the CIA had become a "loose cannon". Both the amendment and the details of the budget are secret, and all the provisions affecting the CIA's work and funding are classified and available only to senators.

Senator Helms, a right-wing Republican from North Carolina, had threatened to hold up the CIA budget if his amendment was not accepted.

His provision is understood to be an attempt to strengthen the Defence Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon's intelligence service, at the expense of the CIA.

At the same time a team of 15 experts from outside the Government would spend a year reviewing some of the agency's intelligence findings, especially those on Soviet arms control violations.

Conservatives have often criticized the CIA for its allegedly "soft" view of Soviet violations in this field, as well as on chemical and biological weapons.

Another Helms amendment, offered in public session, called on the CIA to prepare a report to Congress on alleged drug dealings by the armed forces of Panama.

Mr Helms is determined to make the agency suffer for its alleged surveillance of him in Chile.

He has asked Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General, whether he was the target of "electronic surveillance" by the CIA either in Chile or in his home and office in the US. Mr Casey and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, have sent similar letters to Mr Casey and to Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, asking for copies of all intelligence reports they received on his trip to Chile.

In August State Department officials accused Mr Helms of his staff of leaking classified information to the Chilean Government which enabled the Chileans to shut off a productive information-gathering channel.

India debates legality of suicide

Wives who die on husbands' pyres

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Vaijanti's death lends point to a warning by Dr Pritam Phatazi, a forensic expert in Bombay, who said that by removing the criminal penalty from suicide: "We will be encouraging such barbaric customs as suttee, which have been restricted with much effort after several years of pitched battles against traditions."

He said it would also conflict with legislation against aiding and abetting suicide - a provision often enforced to prosecute the relatives of brides who are burned for reasons of dowry - and recently amended legislation specifically aimed at preventing bride burning.

The debate was started last week when the Bombay High Court declared that the section of the Indian penal code which punishes suicide is unconstitutional. The Delhi chief justice made a similar decision in December.

These verdicts have been welcomed by the pro-orthodox lobbyists such as Mr Minoo Masani, president of the World Federation of the Right to Die societies, who insisted: "Every citizen of India has the right to choose between life and death - that is the law in all civilized countries. I am glad that the people of Maharashtra have now joined the civilized world."

Dr Phatazi believes that if attempting suicide is not a crime inviting punishment people will begin to take political advantage of such power that fasting to death or self-immolation gives to political protest.

If the section is abolished, he feels, psychiatric and hospital care, which are compulsory for attempted suicides today, will be effectively reduced and more people will make repeated attempts to kill themselves as a result.

He said: "If the constitution gives the right to life then it must also extend this protection to include the threat to a person from his own self."



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Manila arrests threaten future of rebel peace negotiations

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Military agents in the Philippines yesterday arrested the alleged chairman of the outlawed Communist Party, Mr Rodolfo Salas, and two other people. Rebel negotiators have threatened to pull out of the current peace talks unless they are released.

Two lawyers, representing the Communist negotiators of the National Democratic Front (NDF), said the two-month-old peace talks could collapse because the three were directly involved in the negotiations.

Mr Salas, his wife, Mrs Josephine Cruz, and their driver-bodyguard, Mr Jose Concepcion, were arrested outside a hospital where Mr Salas had gone for a check-up.

"Their arrest imperils the further progress of the talks and we demand their immediate release", the lawyers, Mr Romeo Capulong and Mr Arno Sanidad, said in a prepared statement.

The lawyers, who also claimed to have been put under military surveillance last month, accused the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and senior military officers of trying to sabotage the negotiations "which were close to succeeding had this not happened".

The lawyers admitted that, although the three were not covered by military-issued safe conduct passes, they were "directly and actively" involved in the talks, which indirectly gave them immunity from arrest under an unwritten agreement with the Aquino Government. The Government's negotiator has denied this.

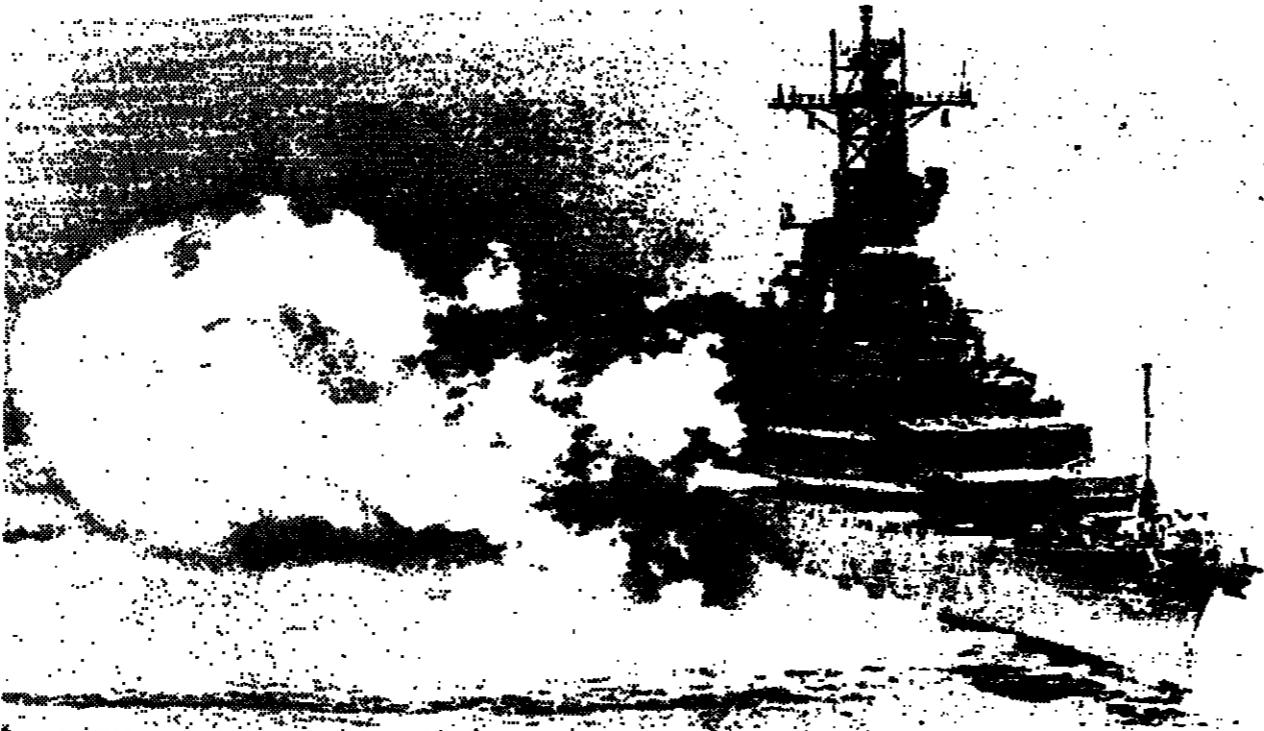
● **Kidnap deadlock:** Negotiations were still trying to secure the release of a kidnaped Swiss business man, Mr Hans Kunzli, yesterday, the day the military set as a deadline (AP reports).

They said they would attempt to free Mr Kunzli if he were not released by then.

Mr Kunzli was taken captive in July by a Muslim group.

● **Church call:** The leader of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines, Cardinal Sin, has called on his countrymen to support President Aquino's peace overtures towards the Communist rebels (AP reports).

Cardinal Sin praised the President for her efforts to uplift the Filipino people "from virtual economic death to new heights of progress and achievement".



The US battleship Missouri firing a broadside of practice shells off Sydney yesterday. The Second World War veteran is part of an international fleet of 41 ships due in the city today for the 75th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy.

Japan leadership struggle

From David Watts, Tokyo

A new struggle has broken out for the leadership of the largest faction in Japan's Liberal Democratic Party.

The faction, led by Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Prime Minister, until his stroke 19 months ago, has been looking for a suitable heir to head Japan's richest and most potent political tribe ever since it became clear that he would not return to politics.

At the weekend Mr Susumu

Tanaka's illness, hinted that the successor might be Mr Noboru Takeshita, the former Minister of Finance.

Mr Tanaka was "infuriated" by Mr Nikaido's remark, according to the Japanese press.

Mr Tanaka has been at odds with Mr Takeshita since the latter formed his own faction-within-a-faction to promote his chances of becoming prime minister under the guise of a study group. The

presidency of the Liberal Democratic Party carries with it the prime ministership.

What Mr Tanaka now thinks is unknown because no journalist has talked to him since his illness. The latest report on his attitude to Mr Nikaido came from a relative.

What effect Mr Tanaka's attitude will have on the impending power struggle remains to be seen, but he still has considerable power to make and unmake Japanese political leaders.

Seoul students and police in pitched battle

Seoul (AFP) — About 20 students and several policemen were injured yesterday in clashes near sites being used in the Asian Games here.

Students threw petrol bombs and bricks.

Police responded with a hail of stones in the two-hour battle at the Korean University of Foreign Languages. Several students were arrested.

Car bomb danger in Kabul

Russian minister gets taste of war

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A senior Russian politician got first-hand experience of the war in Afghanistan at the weekend when a car bomb exploded close to the Soviet Embassy in Kabul, killing three people.

According to reports from Western diplomats received in Delhi yesterday, Mr Vsevolod Murakhovski, a First Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, and his entourage, had been accompanied by Dr Najib, the Afghan party chief, when the bomb went off at noon in the car park behind the Soviet commercial centre.

The entire party were either struck by the blast or threw themselves to the floor.

Private houses near the embassy were severely shaken by the bomb, and many windows were broken.

The attackers had apparently placed the bomb in a Lada car, the make often used by the Afghan secret police, and on this occasion parked in a restricted area.

Those killed were reported by one diplomatic source to have included two Russian children and a Soviet guard.

Radio Kabul, which reported the incident comparatively quickly, described the dead as a policeman, a merchant and a girl student.

Mr Murakhovski, who is chairman of the Soviet state committee for agro-industries, was guarded with unprecedented security during his stay in the Afghan capital.

Every morning troops patrolled the streets and armoured vehicles guarded all intersections between the Intercontinental Hotel, where he and his party were staying, and the Arg Palace, where the principal Afghan Government officials have their offices.

On Monday, the day after the explosion, the road to Ghazni from the south of the city was closed.

Elsewhere in the capital intermittent rocket attacks continued as the Mujahidin guerrillas maintained their activities despite a recent offensive against their hideouts in the nearby Paghman hills.

The Russian and Afghan Army campaign in Paghman has continued for nearly a month and very heavy civilian casualties have been reported, especially from the villages of Chandal Bai, Beeg Tut, Haj Lakan, Qalai Mubabat and Satambat.

Mujahidin are under considerable pressure from a ring of Soviet troops around the southern town of Kandahar, but even so guerrilla rockets pounded the central telegraph office, cutting communications with the rest of the country for 10 days.

An assault on the Kadaharadio building was less successful.

Nevertheless, according to a reliable diplomatic source, parts of the town are permanently under Mujahidin control, with other grey areas alternating between the two sides.

An unconfirmed report from the north of Wardak province said that before a planned attack on a Mujahidin position an Afghan force, ordered to go through a minefield, refused and turned their guns on their allies.

Diplomats report that the Mujahidin came to their assistance with both sides suffering casualties.

Kabul newspapers have reported plans to establish a military university in the hope of instilling badly needed professionalism in the Afghan military.

Virgin Islands election causes wave of protest

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Barely two months after a scandal over drug money and corruption toppled the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a similar row has developed in another of Britain's tiny Caribbean colonies.

As a result, the British Virgin Islands (population, 11,000), an idyllic group 50 miles east of Puerto Rico, voted yesterday in a premature general election.

At the centre of the row is a company called Financial Management and Trust, which was investigated earlier this year by British police and the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), in connection with allegations about an operation to launder narcotics money and proceeds from the 1983 Brinks-Mat robbery at Heathrow airport. The investigations also extended to the Isle of Man and the United States.

In April, the company's British managing director was arrested and later agreed to cooperate with the DEA in cases which are pending in the US courts.

The majority shareholder in Financial Management and Trust, however, was Mr Cyril Romney, Chief Minister of the British Virgin Islands.

Although he has not been personally implicated, the Opposition demanded an inquiry into possible government involvement, and in August

tabled a no-confidence motion against Mr Romney. The Chief Minister, finding support in his own Government wavering, advised Mr David Barwick, the Governor, to dissolve the nine-member Legislative Council and call early elections.

During the month-long election campaign, sober analysis has been overtaken by fury over the voters' list. Since there was no time to compile a fresh list, more than 600 people who have turned 18 since 1983, or about 10 per cent of the potential electorate, have found themselves disenfranchised. About 250 people demonstrated outside the Governor's office and presented a petition asking for voting to be postponed.

But in London last week Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, firmly turned down the request, explaining that the constitution specifies the time-frame in which voting must take place, and that changing the system would be "time-consuming, cumbersome and probably ineffective".

The two main parties, the United Party and the Virgin Islands Party, each won four seats at the last election in 1983. The other was won by Mr Romney, standing as an independent. He became the Chief Minister after forming an alliance with the United Party.

By-election scares for Mulroney

From John Best
Ottawa

Voters in two Canadian federal constituencies gave the Conservative Government a fright when it was beaten by the Liberals in Monday's by-election in St Maurice, Quebec, and barely managed to hold on to Pembina in Alberta.

Neither constituency changed hands in the voting, the first by-election tests since the Tories ousted the Liberals from office two years ago. However, a steep decline in the Tories' share of the popular vote is being widely interpreted as a signal of disaffection with the performance of the administration of the Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney.

The by-elections took place two days before the opening of a new session of Parliament.

In St Maurice, the Liberal candidate, Mr Gilles Grondin, obtained 19,649 votes, or about 59 per cent — the same proportion of the popular vote as the Liberals took in the 1984 general election.

The Tories barely managed to retain second place in the face of a surprisingly strong bid by the New Democratic Party.

In Pembina, which includes part of the city of Edmonton, the Conservative candidate, Mr Walter Van De Walle, polled 16,524 votes or 37 per cent, compared with the 71 per cent the Tories won two years ago.

Ugandans still want British aid

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

Mr John Stanley, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, yesterday met members of the British military team helping to train the Uganda Army at Jinja, 50 miles east of Kampala.

He has already learnt from discussions with President Museveni that there is still a role in Uganda for the team, which has worked through two coups and three governments.

However, the nature of the Uganda Army has changed, and further changes are likely with large-scale recruitment due to get under way this month.

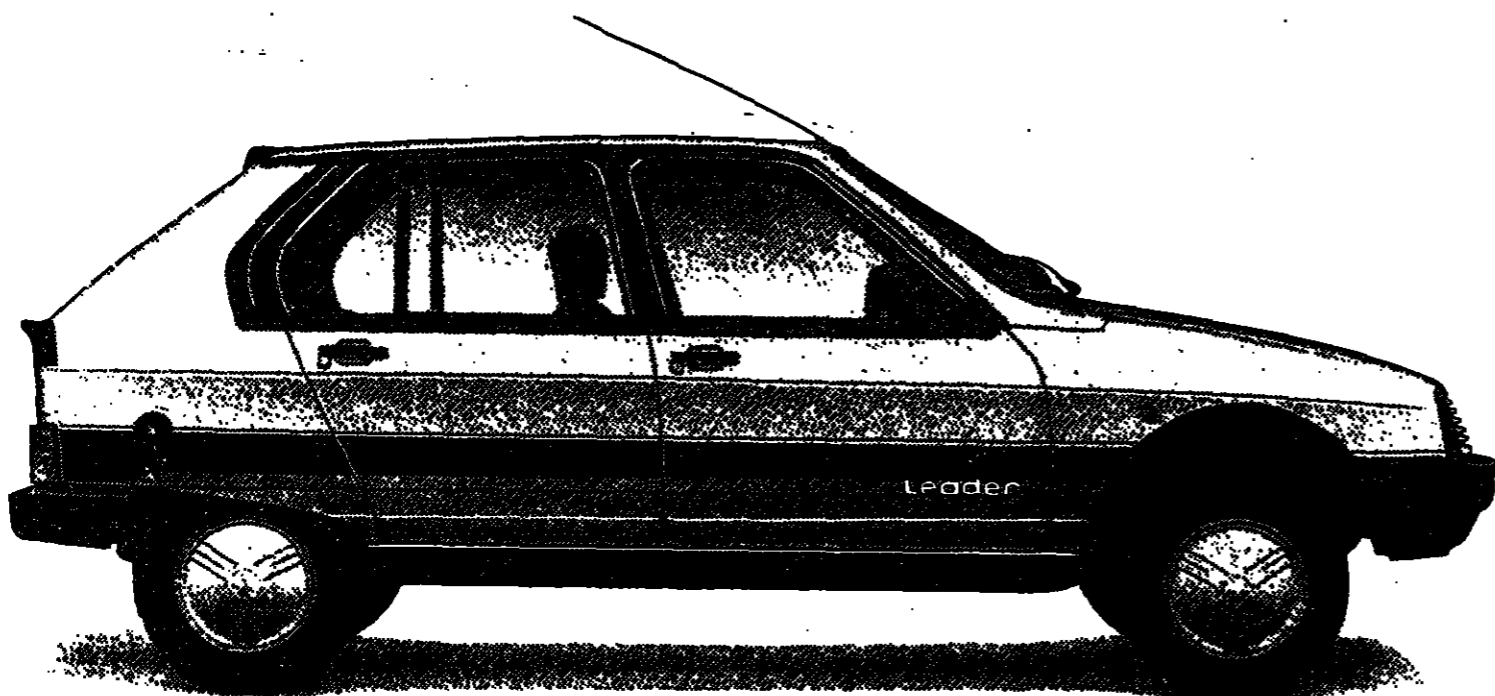
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Mr Stanley: told of role in Uganda for British soldiers.

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'Years ago the menopause was a sign that women had outlived their usefulness. They were ready to die'

It is 8.30 on a drizzly Monday morning and already the "walk-in" menopause clinic at Dulwich Hospital is filling up fast. The uncomfortable, blue plastic waiting room chairs - indigenous to the National Health - are occupied by all sorts of expectant patients, not all of whom are quite sure what lies beyond the consulting room door. This unsalubrious building does little to suggest that it houses one of the world's most famous menopause research clinics. Newcomers like the woman in front of me - who's somewhat surprisingly brought her 10-year-old daughter along too - look decidedly crestfallen at the sight of the peeling walls, the sterile atmosphere (as dried up as a packet of redundant ovaries) and the posters, somewhat insensitively advertising visiting times for the antenatal ward. Other patients like June - a 44-year-old east London housewife - are more concerned with the treatment than the surroundings. "Three years ago, I became unaccountably depressed and irritable and eventually I swallowed a bottle of pills. Luckily, my husband - who'd assumed I was depressed because I'd just been made redundant - arrived home an hour earlier than usual and rushed me to hospital." After being pumped out, June was told her depression was almost certainly due to the menopause (something which neither she nor her husband had thought of) and was referred to Dulwich's clinic for hormonal treatment. "It's changed my life dramatically; everyone says I'm a new woman."

These days women can simply walk in to a menopause clinic for treatment that can transform lives. Jane Bidder reports

been driven to attempted suicide by "the change" and, at best, have been tormented by the terrible night sweats, the extreme irritability, weight gain, hot flushes, osteoporosis (thinning of the bones) and a crawling sensation under the skin. It is 13 years since Mr Studd first opened his Dulwich clinic and even its most hardened critics admit that it has come a long way. "I originally opened the service in Birmingham in 1970 but the British Medical Association caused a terrible stink since patients didn't have to have a standard GP's letter," recalls Mr Studd, an enormous, kindly man with huge, clean medical hands. "We felt some women would be too scared to go to a local doctor who might tell them to grin and bear the menopause as their mothers did. We eventually persuaded the BMA to relent. We re-opened two months later and then I started Dulwich."

about a hundred women a week and the average pharmaceutical bill is £6 a visit. I think that's a bargain considering how it prevents depression and all the other problems which other hospital departments would have to treat. "Certain colleagues feel that carving through cancers and delivering babies are more deserving causes. I think menopausal care is one of the most important forms of preventative medicine in the twentieth century. Interestingly, women are the only animal species to undergo the change apart from apes in captivity. In the old days, the menopause - which starts when the ovaries stop producing eggs - was a sign that women had outlived their usefulness (for heaven's sake, don't quote me on that). In other words, they were ready to die because they were no longer fertile. "Now, with medical advances, we live longer so go on longer than parts of our reproductive systems." Not everyone agrees about the correct treatment. Mr Studd's clinic, for example, concentrates on hormone replacement therapy (commonly known as HRT) since a menopausal patient suffers from a low level of oestrogen. Extra oestrogen is therefore given through tablets, skin creams or implants. The latter involves a simple insertion of an oestrogen pellet which is shot through the skin by syringe under a local anaesthetic. Patients are given supplementary progesterone tablets to prevent thickening of the womb and the procedure is repeated every four to six months, depending on the patient. "When I started the Birmingham clinic, the general medical consensus was that hormone treatment was not altogether to be trusted," says Studd. "There were fears - ungrounded in my mind - that it could cause cancer or that it was downright unnatural." In Britain, medical opinion is still divided. Dr Jean Cooke, a Macclesfield GP and author of *The Menopause: coping with the change*



improving HRT and collating statistics to prove his beliefs: "We're still finding out which kind of hormones should be given (i.e. tablets or implants), in what dosage and so on. In the old days, we used a very complex oral therapy where we tried to mimic the body's own cycle. Nowadays, implants are becoming more important than tablets; it's easier to control the dosage through implants and it also allows us to bypass the gut and liver. Another idea has been a vaginal ring which releases hormones into the body but even as a mere male, I don't think it would be very pleasant for a woman..."

Talking of male doctors, surely most patients are surprised to see a man in charge of what is an essentially feminine problem? Mr Studd guffaws with laughter: "I totally poopoh the middle class notion that women want to see women doctors. My patients don't care two hoots for my sex. When they come in here, they are too desperate to worry. When they come out, they are transformed."

'Two weeks after the initial implant I felt better than I'd done for years'

"I even have 10 patients aged under 25; the menopause can strike much earlier than people realize, especially if there's a family history of this. And of course, hysterectomies can cause surgical menopause at any age." The hormonal treatment can also make patients look younger through giving them extra collagen (natural fibrous protein) which would have been lost through the menopause. The new collagen improves their skin, makes hair shine and generally enhances appearances. A good example is Valerie Marshall, a teacher from Croydon who having had hormonal implants for the past eight years, looks more like 41 than her real age of 51. "Before, I had the usual menopausal hiccups like lack of energy, loss of confidence and so on," she says. "Two weeks after the initial implant, I felt better than I'd done for years. It's given me the enthusiasm to spend more time on my hobbies (fitness, painting and drawing). And my two grown-up daughters say I look terrific." © Times Newspapers Ltd 1986

Waning wonder of Woolies FIRST PERSON

Our local Woolworth store is to be given a new image. Out will go the food and the clothes and most of the things I want to buy, and in will come a lot more do-it-yourself and gardening fare, which always makes me feel guilty for not doing-it-all-myself and, worse still, not wanting to. Electrical goods, hi-fi and videos will, I suppose, also fill the shelves. But I shall miss the Woolworth I know so well. I remember it when everything really did cost less than elsewhere, or not much more. My childhood treat was being taken round the store, clutching sixpence - my week's pocket money - and being able to buy a colour pencil, a tiny red notebook in which to write "poetry" and a small cap-gun. In early adulthood, it was the shop where I could buy curlers and ankle socks, lip-stick (pretending it was Elizabeth Arden) and talcum powder. The girls behind the counter were not considered to be quite as classy as the ones in Marks and Spencer, but they were helpful if not very clever. On marriage, I could buy food at the same time as washing powder, shirt buttons, reels of cotton, envelopes and cotton wool. And with children of my own, I was back at the toy counters, with some items still costing under sixpence. Now all this is to change. My local store is to close for a few weeks while the alterations are carried out. The food is going because, although it sells well, it doesn't make enough profit for the floor space - a video recorder will make much more per square foot. And because our town centre, like so many others, is changing beyond all recognition, I probably won't be able to get any of my needs anywhere else. I am sure there will be many of us who will mourn the passing of the Woolworth we knew and loved. We will miss it, and who knows? Perhaps one day Woolworths will miss us, too. Jacinth Whittaker

Four hands with but a single thought

The first time the Israeli pianist Maya Weltman played in public with an orchestra was on the stage of the Royal Festival Hall. The orchestra was the London Philharmonic, the conductor Klaus Tennstedt. Tonight she will be on the same stage, with the same orchestra. All that will be changed will be the music - Beethoven's first concerto, instead of the Mendelssohn G minor - and Maya's age. She was 12 then; now she is 14. To Tennstedt, who had discovered Maya 18 months earlier, that first ever public performance was an outstanding success. To Maya, the concert was "like a dream". To her father, Joseph, who was in the audience, it was "like seeing your child climb Everest alone". But while Maya swept through the demanding work with the apparent ease of a seasoned concert pianist, her twin sister, Yfaat, chewed her nails every note of the way. This time, too, it is Yfaat who has been suffering the pre-

At the age of 14, Maya Weltman returns to the Festival Hall tonight to play Beethoven - watched by her equally talented twin

concert nerves while Maya has been concentrating on her practising. The fact that Yfaat is as skilful on the cello as Maya is on the piano makes the story even more remarkable. For the Weltman twins come from an entirely unmusical family and had not the girls themselves decided - at the age of eight - that they wanted to learn the piano, their remarkable talents might have remained undiscovered. They are a delightful and seemingly unaffected pair, virtually indistinguishable to an outsider and with a habit of completing one another's sentences. They are each other's sternest critics and closest

friends - the inevitable result of having more in common with each other than with anyone else. "The girls at school talk about pop music, boyfriends, television," Yfaat scoffs. "We like to talk about a perfect performance. Maya is less friendly at school than I am, I know I need friends so I smile at everyone." In fact, school is currently the twins' greatest problem. In order to practise the necessary hours they are forced to play truant - with their parents' consent. "We live daily with a conflict," their mother, Esther, admits. She is hoping that their state school in Jerusalem will prepare a special timetable for them. Tennstedt first heard Maya playing while he was eating his lunch in a guest house in Tel Aviv. She was auditioning for the Israel-American Cultural Foundation in another room. "I couldn't understand how there was a pianist so fantastic in this house," Tennstedt recalls. "The manager told me it was a child auditioning and I said 'it is not possible'."



Dual ambitions: musicians Yfaat (left) and Maya Weltman

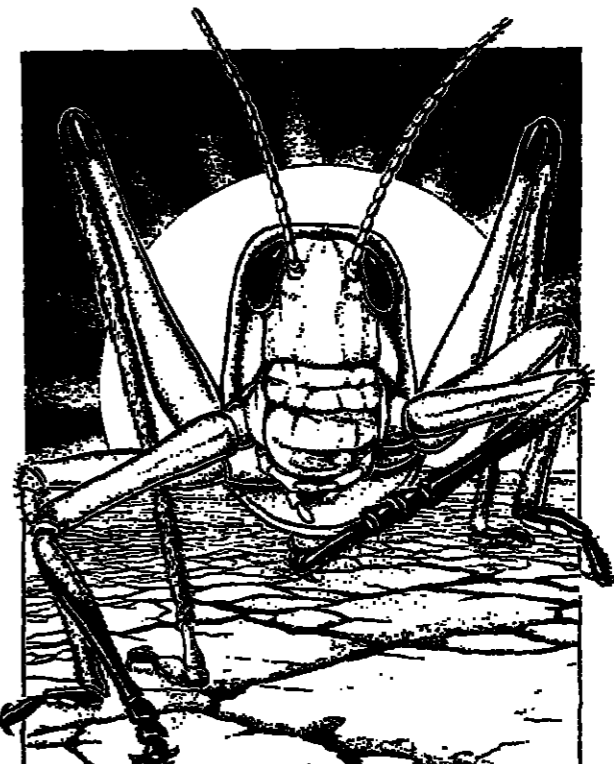
That was only two years after Maya and Yfaat had had their first piano lesson. Their Russian-born teacher, Luisa Joffe, was enchanted by the girls who arrived at her home sporting identical party frocks and remarkable musical gifts. After a year of piano lessons she suggested that Yfaat switch to another instrument. "They were equally good at the piano," she explains, "but because they are twins it was not good for them to compete with each other." She also wanted the twins to play chamber music together - which they did until they began to resent each other's criticism. "When we play together we do a lot of arguing," Yfaat

are predictably proud of their daughters and happy to make the sacrifices necessary, they worry about the twins' lack of time for other interests. Joseph, a computer systems analyst, is particularly aware of the potential hazards. "There is a danger that, having climbed so high, they may fall," he admits. "But they are so sure of what they want."

But music is not entirely a family affair. The twins' two older brothers have no musical leanings and have been known to sleep through the girls' concerts. Their mother has had to give up her hobby, painting, and their father spends his holidays ferrying the twins to lessons and concerts. For their own part, the girls are ambivalent about their talents. "I am ambitious to be a professional pianist but I don't think I can be great because you need such a big repertoire," Maya says, and Yfaat adds: "Most of the great musicians were geniuses and I don't think we are." Maestro Tennstedt disagrees. "I am sure in the future, Maya will be a great soloist," he insists. "She is not only a pianist, she is a musician, and that is very important. She has a sense of style. Her sister has the same talent. They want to make music. Both these girls burn for music."

FRIDAY The sex education debate: a mother's view

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Quote me... "I'm not remotely sentimental about black people. I am just as nasty to black people as I am to white people." Helen Suzman, South African activist. Now you know Women anxious to find out whether or not they are pregnant can now dispense with the nail-biting. Sybaritic scents The continuing saga of last year's fragrance success story, Chanel's Coco continues: sybarites can now sink into their favourite scented with its floral amber and spicy notes.

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Excellence, oddities and Eastern promise

When the managing director of the new Nissan car factory first set foot in the North-East, he was quickly seized upon and invited to dinner by Professor Laurence Martin, vice-chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

At that first meeting the Western academic presented the Eastern entrepreneur with a painting. It depicted Robert Stephenson's High Level Bridge across the Tyne, a wonder of new technology at its erection in 1849 as it was the first structure of its kind to be made of a revolutionary material - cast iron.

The vice-chancellor's gift was his expression of hope that the Japanese would bring back to the North-East the reputation for innovation and enterprise it once so proudly held.

The hammer-blows of recession that have beaten the life out of much of Tyne-side's traditional industries are also beating at the door of the region's higher education. Newcastle University was winded by a body-blow earlier this year when it opened its annual letter from the University Grants Committee to find that its funding had been cut almost twice as severely as it had been led to expect.

An actual reduction of 0.5 per cent, compared with last year's grant, meant a cut in

real terms of nearly 4 per cent. It was deeply wounding news. In the year that, for the first time, the UGC used the quality of teaching and research as a partial basis for its disbursements, Newcastle had some reason to hope for an ungenerous treatment, with four of its departments rated by the UGC as outstanding and another 12 above average.

Labour MPs accused the outgoing Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, of sacrificing northern universities to protect those in the Tory-voting south. Newcastle licked its painful wounds, assumed that it was its subject mix which had not found great favour, and wondered where on earth it could cut any more without destroying the lifeblood of the institution.

Before last May's depressing news, Professor Martin and the university senate were calculating on balancing the books by losing 90 posts out of a total academic staff of nearly 1,000.



Professor Laurence Martin, the vice-chancellor, top left; the ivy-covered old university; and above, Professor Hussein Rabbia with a group of Chinese students studying mining engineering

Early retirement schemes

Funding cuts were very severe

had not been taken up by as many as had been hoped and compulsory redundancy schemes would have cost the university far more than it could afford, quite apart from the legal difficulties of academic tenure and the dire threat to the quality of the institution's work.

So far the only department to have been forced out of existence by the latest financial savagery is the relatively modest one of Scandinavian Studies. But throughout the university academic posts remain unfilled in almost every department and recruitment is at all but a standstill.

Professor Martin, Cornish-born, Yale-polished, but imbued with traditional Geordie refusal to lie down and admit defeat, nevertheless admits to a certain desperation.

"Our target for lost jobs was to have been about 90 academic staff, perhaps rather more. Now we need to cut closer to 180 or even 200 and it is far from clear that savings of that kind can be doubled. We are trying to be more ruthless, but we do not have a strategy as to where the

cut should fall."

For lack of any other obvious source of hope, Professor Martin, in common with vice-chancellors throughout the country, is forced to view the future with a kind of desperate Micawberism - but without Micawber's bouncy optimism.

Something, he believes, must turn up, simply because no government, not even the present one, could allow the nation's university education system to collapse. They read into the utterances of the new education secretary, Kenneth Baker, hints that a lifebelt may soon be thrown.

If the UGC's favouritism was not one of south versus north, it certainly appeared to some unhappy vice-chancellors to be one which awarded the plums for tech-

nological bias, with universities like Bath, Loughborough and Strathclyde all enjoying relatively generous treatment, and more arts-biased institutions like Durham, St Andrews and Aberystwyth faring badly.

Yet Newcastle, which has a heavy emphasis on engineering and other earthy disciplines, was still picked for rough treatment.

It is in fact a broad-based institution, lacking only a few major disciplines like veterinary science and theology (although it does maintain a department of religious studies).

Among its undoubted areas of excellence is computer studies, a department whose expertise has helped to build up an associated marketing company employing nearly

200 people for the benefit of the North-East as a whole. Its medical school is said to turn out particularly good general practitioners and its departments of marine engineering and naval architecture are packed with undergraduates from Hong Kong and other such oriental parts, ironically the very people who undercut the British shipbuilding industry to a near-fatal degree.

It has its oddities, too. One of the smallest (but by no means the least distinguished) history departments in the country, with a staff of 12 compared to Oxford's 65; a strong department of agriculture and related sciences; rare degree courses in surveying science, town and country planning, speech therapy, and East Asian politics.

It is the ninth British university in terms of size and one of the newest. It was granted independent status from its former parent, Durham, in 1963, although its constituent colleges can trace a history back to 1834. It could be said to suffer from being outstandingly good at a number of things, but outstandingly famous for none of them.

Staff sometimes complain that people in the south of England do not even know of its existence, yet the country which sends it more students than any other outside its own home territory is Surrey.

Such a lack of a clear-cut corporate image does not trouble the vice-chancellor unduly. For one thing, he knows the compensations of having his institution situated in the

heart of a city whose reputation for friendliness is legendary - and deservedly so.

For another, he is too concerned with promoting his university's image where it matters most - among those who disburse its funds - to trouble overmuch about its overall public profile.

"If we are to continue to be funded we have got to show that we are useful - and that basically means showing we are contributing to the economy - while still trying to do the more purely academic things that a university is supposed to do," Professor Martin said.

Hence Newcastle's establishment of its own Technology Centre, a limited company charged with marketing the university's vast research skills to outside industry and smoothing the path for academics who wish to offer their best ideas in the marketplace.

Yet the public image does niggle. Senior staff were not overjoyed when Tyne-Tees

Marketing the research skills

Television chose as the title of its forthcoming 12-part series on the university, "Redbrick". They would have perhaps preferred "Plateglass".

Newcastle has a fine new medical faculty building and an outstanding new library, probably the last to be built in any university this century. At the same time its older buildings enjoy a facade of mellow brick and Virginia creeper that would not be out of place by the Isis or Cam.

Behind the plate glass lies at least one majestically unusual repository of wisdom which, if it did not impress the University Grants Committee, at least astounded the managing director of Nissan. By the quirk of some long-past bequest, the university is the custodian of one of the finest collections of Japanese technical journals in the Western hemisphere.

If by some mischance the boss of British Nissan finds a spanner in his works, he knows where to go for the cure.

Alan Hamilton

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Current wisdom dictates that universities can no longer afford to insulate themselves from the outside world and that they must seek — and be seen to seek — contact with industry and commerce.

Ideally there should be benefit to both sides: industry should have access to academic expertise and the academics should be helped to find commercial applications for at least some of their research.

Most universities, including Newcastle, have approached the commercial world with a due amount of caution. They are conscious that commerce is not their primary function.

and that pure research remains an essential part of their purpose.

They are also aware that the money brought in by contract research, or by royalties from a successfully marketed idea, will — and indeed probably ought to — remain tiny in relation to their overall funding, which will continue to be dominated by the University Grants Committee and research council grants.

Nevertheless, within those constraints there have been notable successes.

Seven years ago Newcastle University joined forces with the city's polytechnic and CAP Group, a commercial computer software producer, to set up a company which would be a centre of excellence for computing in the North-East.

From small beginnings with start-up capital provided by Tyne and Wear County Council, the company — Microelectronics Applications Research Institute — now employs 175 in the North-East and boasts a turnover of £2.5 million a year.

By next year it expects to be employing 250 and bringing in £3.5 million worth of business.

The Microelectronics Applications Research Institute works closely with the

production company, both making profits to be ploughed back into the parent.

One of the institute's aims has always been to benefit industry in the North-East and to create new jobs and training opportunities for local people. It offers a four-year training course in the new high-technology skills — 60 trainees were taken on last month and it hopes to take on 50 school leavers a year from next year.

The resulting pool of highly-skilled labour should prove a strong inducement to new industries on Tyneside.

The institute also provides an Enterprise Workshop in Newcastle where five small start-up businesses can grow with technical and management help from the institute.

Successful though it is, the institute taps only one area of the university's expertise. Last year another organization, Newcastle Technology Centre, was set up by the university and the two local polytechnics to act as a so-called "technology transfer agency" between industry and the three academic institutions.

Richard Tomlin, the university administrator who helped to set up the centre, said: "You have to encourage the academics to make them take a different view of their

New opportunities for local people

university's computing laboratory, many of whose staff act as research consultants. They are working with GEC, ICL and York University on a £450,000 research contract named Aspect, which aims to eliminate the mistakes in the design of major computer programmes.

Overall, the institute's current research programme means it is working with 30 different partners, both commercial and academic, in 10 European countries.

But the institute does not live by research and development contracts alone. It has a trading company and a



Dr Peter Olive, left, was an obscure Newcastle zoologist researching the life cycle of the ragworm until one of his undergraduates, Peter Cowan, pointed out that there was a huge potential market for the creatures as anglers' bait.

Fishermen either pay 10p each for worms or they go digging on beaches.

Armed with sufficient knowledge of the worms' life cycle to know how to maintain year-round supplies, they have raised £250,000 capital to set up a worm farm, Seabait, to produce 6 million ragworms a year for sale through tackle shops.

Looking East to the future

An invitation from Nissan's managing director, Mr T Tauchiya, to the vice-chancellor Professor Laurence Martin, could signal the start of another important link with Japanese industry.

The invitation was to attend the opening on September 8 of Nissan's new £330 million manufacturing plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Newcastle has already established several successful links with Japanese companies moving into the North-East. Instrumental to this has been the newly created East Asia Centre which was set up in April 1985.

David Goodman, the director of the centre, said: "When the Japanese earth-moving equipment manufacturer Komatsu was making preliminary investigations about setting up a plant here, it was Dr Ian Neary, lecturer at the centre, and his Japanese wife who helped smooth Komatsu's way with local government, trade and industry."

"This latest arrival by Nissan will create another good reason for raising the profile and interest in Japan and the Far East generally."

The East Asia Centre is the only university course in Britain to offer a four-year honours degree in Politics and East Asian Studies that includes acquiring an oriental language and spending one year at Fukuoka University in Japan or Beijing Normal University in China.

This year the centre is offering places to 44 undergraduates and nine postgraduate students.

Dr Goodman, a Chinese speaker, explained why the centre must step up its programmes on China, Japan and Korea. "As a country, Britain needs many more links with East Asia. Do you know how many students graduated last year in Chinese in the UK? Between 80-100 and only 26 in Japanese."

"A single US state such as Texas, California or New York is turning out 10 times this number of Chinese and Japanese speaking graduates."

"In the US, postgraduates in these subjects go into government, industry and relevant aspects of the economy, doing things that need to be done. Why aren't we doing this in Britain?"

"As a nation we are only scraping the surface with classics and regional studies. What we need is a big doctoral programme, not just at Newcastle, specializing in relevant areas such as Japanese business studies and administration."

In less than one year, the East Asia Centre has established a number of viable business contracts and consultancies. "We have assisted companies in the North-East with translations, identifying new markets and problems with bureaucracy," said Dr Goodman.

Among the recent contracts has been an economic and political survey of China for Shell, with forecasts on particular market sectors.

One of the university's most important and potentially far-reaching exchange programmes is that involving

Several weeks in industry

Shanxi Mining College at Taiyuan, the centre of China's biggest coal producing province, Shanxi.

With the backing of the University Development Trust and six sponsors from British mining equipment companies to meet the £7,500 fees per student, seven Chinese students from Taiyuan are now attending a one-year MSc at Newcastle's department of mining engineering.

The students will also spend several weeks working in industry with their sponsoring company.

Instrumental to this link up was John Ryall of the department of mining engineering, who has lectured in Taiyuan.

Newcastle's academic exchange has quickly assumed a new dimension as local business interest in Shanxi province grows. In March 1984 a civic connection was established when a delegation from Taiyuan visited Newcastle.

The two cities became twinned and were formally declared "sister" cities. Only 13 UK cities have such an arrangement.

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Revenues in excess of £1,000,000 a year can be produced by hydro-electric power now being generated by Kielder Water, Northumberland.

What no-one knows is the effect this might have upon the environment; the natural habitats of wild animals, plant life and fish that depend upon the River North Tyne for their existence.

What will happen to the water quality of the river? What will be the effects upon its banks if significant volumes of water are released regularly? What changes will occur in the micro-climate? What will this do to the food networks?

To plug this gap in our knowledge, it has been decided to conduct an intensive research programme over the next three years along the River North Tyne. Unregulated waterways will be used as controls to check chemical variation in the water quality. Physical variations in the river's contours will be closely watched. Effects upon invertebrates and fish will be monitored, especially fish-spawning patterns, the survival of young fish and the reaction of adult fish to changes in any of the existing parameters. With conservation in mind, a river corridor survey will be carried out to establish a baseline at the start of the programme and also when the programme ends.

Filling this gap will generate a lot more than electricity; it will attract the interest of other authorities and public utility concerns, not only in this country but throughout the world.

These studies are a joint enterprise between the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, The Nature Conservancy and Northumbrian Water.

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FOCUS

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY/4



Benefactors such as the novelist Catherine Cookson are a rare species and provide the answer to every university vice-chancellor's prayers.

Last December, this celebrated writer from Tyne Dock, who is 80, presented Newcastle's Professor Laurence Martin, with £250,000 to create the country's first lectureship in molecular haematology, the study of blood disorders.

This was the first in a series of bequests to the Catherine Cookson Foundation which, upon the death of Mrs Cookson and her husband, will total £1 million. The foundation will also become a primary beneficiary of the Catherine Cookson Trust.

On that same day, Mrs Cookson also donated £40,000 to the department of medicine for the purchase of laser equipment and £50,000 to support a senior lectureship in otolaryngology, the study of ear, larynx and throat, and equip a laboratory to help early diagnosis of deaf children.

Professor Martin said: "We felt morally obliged to invest the first donation into medical research, hence the new



Catherine Cookson, centre, with, from left, Linda Errington, Linda Harker, Frank Chariton and Lance Nicholson, who will study book conservation through one of her grants

Cookson's choice

lectureship researching into bleeding diseases. "But the rest of Mrs Cookson's gift will be used to stimulate research and fill the gaps in the rigid university grant system."

The foundation will provide a useful contrast to the increasingly successful University Development Trust. While this trust is considerably larger, with funds of £12 million, there is no latitude in application with

every pound earmarked for a specific project.

This act of generosity towards Newcastle is by no means Catherine Cookson's first. The vice-chancellor recalls how in 1984 he had hesitated to approach Mrs Cookson for a donation towards a £25,000 appeal to refurbish the Hatton art gallery.

"Within half an hour of receiving my letter," he said, "she had telephoned me asking if we could possibly wait

until the end of the week for the full £25,000. She acts like lightning with the cheque book across her knee."

These generous gestures are closely linked to her strong affection for Tyneside, the arts, helping children and more recently her own growing medical needs.

She said: "I have had a rare blood disease, hereditary telangiectasia, since I was 18. This is nothing new to me now, but I thought I was the only one who had this disease. It was only recently, since writing my autobiography, that this changed. I received responses from as far as America and discovered 30 other people with the same disease."

"There has been absolutely no research into telangiectasia, so I wanted to set up a research post at the university — not just for this disease, but for all kinds of blood disorders."

It was the university's medical department with whom she has been closely involved that initiated the nomination of Mrs Cookson for an honorary MA. "It was very nice to receive it," she said, "especially as I did not go to university and I felt I should do something more for the university as it is very hard up for money. After all what is money for?"

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Medicine at two guineas a lecture

Newcastle University can trace its origins to the good offices of a bunch of doctors and can lay at the door of doctors much of the praise — or blame — for what has happened since.

It was in 1832, in the light of growing dissatisfaction with the age-honoured system of apprenticing physicians to apothecaries and surgeons to barbers, and in the wake of a series of cholera epidemics on Tyneside, that local doctors began a series of medical lectures at a house in Bell's Court in the city, at a cost of two guineas for the six-month course.

The School of Medicine opened two years later in the Barber Surgeons' Hall and the fee went up to 40 guineas.

Within five years there was a fearful row between members of the staff which led to the setting up of two rival colleges, each raising the other's premises to possess and repossess vital specimens.

They did not reunite for 18 years. When one eventually did absorb the other it had already gained recognition from the University of Durham, an institution which then, and for many years afterwards, restricted itself to theology and arts.

Meanwhile there was a stir of interest at the earthen end of education. It has always been a source of some wonder that Victorian England achieved the indus-

trial power-base on only the sketchiest infrastructure of technical education.

The civic universities are chiefly a product of the 1860s and 1870s, when Britain was already well established as the world's workshop.

Newcastle was no different. The North-East was already a powerhouse of shipbuilding and engineering when, in 1870, a local solicitor and archetypal Victorian do-gooder, named Spencer Watson, emerged as the moving spirit to found a College of Physical Science in the city.

Durham University, at that time headed by a Dean of untypically advanced views, absorbed it at once. The science school was later renamed Armstrong College.

For the first third of the present century, Newcastle's two colleges jugged along uneventfully as separate constituents of the University of Durham. But then the doctors waxed troublesome again.

The row was serious enough for the Newcastle medical school to become virtually ungovernable.

In 1935 a Royal Commission was appointed to clear out the mucky stables and two years later it was ruled that both ends of the university should be thoroughly reconstituted, with the two col-

leges on Tyneside amalgamated as King's College, Newcastle.

The post-war years saw an explosive expansion of university education, which continued as the baby-boomers reached undergraduate age and optimism sufficed the nation. For many years King's College had a separate institution from the Durham colleges.

By the 1960s Durham had grown sufficiently in size and scope for it to survive happily on its own and in 1963 the split was made. King's College became the University of Newcastle and Durham became Durham, enhancing at the same time its reputation and popularity among arts undergraduates.

Since then Newcastle has continued to expand and prosper, until faced with the funding squeeze of the 1980s that has sent a chill through the entire British academic community. It boasts an excellent new medical faculty building and what will probably be the last new university library to be built this century.

The doctors of Newcastle, for all their trouble in the past, have managed to produce the pioneering researcher in thyroid disease, the first chief medical officer of the fledgling Ministry of Health, and the current president of the General Medical Council. They are forgiven. AH

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Decline in Japanese surplus

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) - Japan posted an unadjusted current account surplus of \$7,054 billion (£4.9 billion) in August, down from a record \$8,026 billion surplus the previous month, the Finance Ministry announced here.

Acquisition by Penguin

Pearson has announced that Penguin Publishing has agreed in principle to acquire the New American Library from a group of investors led by Odysseus Partners and NAL Management. No price was announced.

Davidson up

Davidson Pearce Group, the advertising agency, increased pretax profits from £1.14 million to £1.30 million in the first half of this year, on billings up from £37.7 million to £40.05 million. The company is paying an interim dividend of 1.2p.

Bank deal

Marine Midland Bank Inc has signed a definitive agreement for the proposed acquisition of First Pennsylvania Corp for at least \$585 million (£403.4 million) cash, to take place within a year of interstate banking between the two states becoming permissible, probably after March 4, 1990.

American buy

Millward Brown, the USM-quoted market research company, has agreed in principle to acquire Ad Factors Inc, an American market research agency with one of the largest US telephone interviewing facilities. Ad Factors' revenue for the year ended in February totalled \$5.7 million (£3.5 million). Clients include McDonald's, Procter & Gamble, Amoco and Pizza Hut.

MTM offer

Marlborough Technical Management is selling 5,133,636 ordinary shares of 5p each at 110p per share via an offer by Hill Samuel.

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INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base: 10% 3-month interbank 10 1/4-10 1/2% 3-month eligible bills: 10 1/4-10 1/2% buying rate US Prime Rate 7 1/2% Federal Funds 5 1/2% 3-month Treasury Bills 5.20-5.19% 30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 5/8% CURRENCIES London: \$: 1.4470 £: DM2.9331 S: Sfr 2.3810 E: FF 6.5595 E: Y22.233 E: index 68.0 New York: \$: 1.4470 £: DM2.9270 S: index 110.2 ECU 0.712521 SDR 10.841447

Germany stages operation to support pound

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday that the decision by West Germany to help support the pound did not mean that Britain was to join the European Monetary System. The support operation for the pound by the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, and by the Bank of England, helped the pound yesterday and eased slightly the pressure for a politically embarrassing rise in base rate.

The Bundesbank has not helped in a rescue operation since the 1960s. Mr Lawson said: "I understand that Bundesbank did intervene in support of the pound to a modest extent, but to coin a phrase, we have no intention of joining the exchange rate mechanism today." He said later that Britain's policy on the European Monetary System remained that sterling would only be taken into the exchange rate mechanism when the time is right.

Pressure eases on pound

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Pressure on interest rates and the pound eased yesterday as the conviction grew that an informal agreement on exchange rate management had after all been reached at the weekend between finance ministers of the Group of Five major countries. But a rise in interest rates was still thought on balance to be likely.

IMF talks continue on Mexico

From Bailey Morris and David Smith in Washington

Negotiations continued yesterday at the International Monetary Fund meeting on a \$6 billion (£4.1 billion) commercial bank loan package for Mexico, after a deadline imposed by the IMF for agreement had passed. Participants in the talks said that progress had been made.

US trade deficit falls to four-month low

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The US monthly foreign trade deficit fell in August to \$13.32 billion (£9.25 billion), the lowest in four months, after a revised record shortfall in July of \$16.05 billion, the Commerce Department announced yesterday. But the department also said that its index of leading indicators - a measure of overall economic strength - declined last month by 0.2 per cent after rising by a revised 1.0 per cent in July.

5,800 jobs to go in NEI restructuring

By Alison Eadie

Northern Engineering Industries, manufacturers of electrical and mechanical equipment for the power and communications industries, stunned the City yesterday by announcing a restructuring programme costing £75 million this year. The company also announced taxable profits in the six months to June 30 of £10.6 million against £21.5 million in the previous first half. The interim dividend has, however, been maintained at 1.65p net.



Thomson pegs holiday prices

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The package holiday prices battle, which produced bargains attracting an extra 1.25 million Britons abroad last summer, entered a hard-fighting second round yesterday as Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour operator, launched programmes for next summer with many average prices unchanged. Thomson, which precipitated last summer's price war by cutting prices by nearly a fifth, is holding its average holiday price at this summer's £250.

Expansion at Laura Ashley

By Alexandra Jackson

Laura Ashley, the clothing and home furnishings group which came to the market last November, is planning to open 36 new outlets in the second half of the year. This is in addition to the eight outlets which it acquired last month from another British retail group, thought to be Jaeger, the subsidiary of Coats Viyella.

Extel battle with Maxwell likely

By John Bell, City Editor

The City is bracing itself for a proxy battle between the publishing and information services group, Extel, and its largest shareholder, Mr Robert Maxwell, over Extel's role as "white knight" in the £145 million takeover battle for the McCorquodale printing group.

Printer in £3m 'City' takeover

By Richard Lander

Hunterprint, the Corby colour printing company, has achieved its aim of expanding into the potentially lucrative financial documents market by paying £3.4 million in shares for the privately-controlled Security Holdings. The news helped Hunterprint shares gain 5p to 263p. Among Security's subsidiaries is Metcalfe Cooper, which specializes in printing documents for the City ranging from share certificates to listing particulars and dividend warrants.

TSB option from start of trading

The Stock Exchange announced yesterday that it would be launching an options contract in Trustee Savings Bank shares on October 10, the day the shares start trading on the stock market.

It said the move was designed to meet the enormous anticipated demand for the shares and to attract more private investors into options. The new contract will be for 1,000 TSB shares exercisable at a fixed price which buyers and sellers can choose from a range of prices on any given working day. The initial expiry dates for the contracts will be October 22 this year, and January 21 and April 22, 1987. Buyers of the options will be required to pay 3p per share, or £30 per contract, excluding commission. The seller will have to put up a margin related to the number of options sold, as security that he can meet the obligation.

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Shell will keep up oil spending

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Despite the fall of more than 50 per cent in North Sea oil prices this year, Shell UK is to leave intact its £33 million North Sea research and development budget.

Europe records 69% decline in shipbuilding

Paris (Reuter) — The world shipbuilding industry saw new orders plunge 29.6 per cent in the first half of this year compared with the first six months of 1985.

Worst drops in Western Europe were recorded by West Germany, with 68 new orders against 395 in the first half of 1985.



Mr John Barron, Coloroll general manager, left, with Mr John Ashcroft, the chairman.

£2 million store for Coloroll

By Carol Leppard

Coloroll, Britain's biggest manufacturer of wall coverings, is to open a £2 million home furnishing store in London's Regent Street tomorrow.

Executive pay rises far outstripping inflation guideline

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Pay rises for top executives are far outstripping inflation and show no sign of moderating, according to a survey published today.

A typical board director, if he had a salary increase in the six months to August, received an average rise of 10.2 per cent.

The survey, conducted every six months for the merchant bank Charterhouse, found a small increase in the level of pay rises since the last study, suggesting that, at the top end of the scale, the rate of inflation is of little relevance in determining wages.

There is also a continued move towards performance-related rewards for top management, with nearly 60 per cent of directors receiving cash bonuses and the proportion of companies with executive share-option schemes almost doubling to 61 per cent.

There was a considerable variation in pay rises. A quarter of directors received

1 per cent or less and a quarter 10.7 per cent or more.

The survey is in sharp contrast with the Confederation of British Industry's pay study, published earlier this week, which showed the lowest pay rises in manufacturing industry for three years at 5.3 per cent.

Both the CBI, which represents employers, and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, have been stressing the need for even lower increases.

APPOINTMENTS

IC Gas (Imperial Continental Gas Association): Mr Michael Rendle becomes deputy chairman and chairman of the group's executive committee.

COMPANY NEWS

BREDERO PROPERTIES: Interim dividend 1.5p (nil, payable on Oct. 31, for the six months to June 30. Turnover £11.78 million (£6.57 million). Pretax profit £2.19 million (£2.75,000). Earnings per share 4.5p (3.9p).

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and services, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

Iranians discuss oil output with Kuwait

Kuwait (Reuter) — The Iranian Oil Minister, Mr Gholamreza Aqazadeh, met Kuwaiti officials yesterday to discuss production and quotas ahead of next week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Officials declined to give details of the talks with Kuwait's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah.

Iran's national news agency said he also met the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, and handed him a message from Iranian officials. It did not elaborate.

Western diplomats expected the Kuwaitis to raise the question of attacks on tankers in the Gulf.

BT wants EEC help in rural areas

British Telecom is seeking financial support from the European Economic Community to help accelerate the spread of advanced telecommunications services in the countryside.

BT said that it recognized that rural areas must not be left out of the modernization of the network.

The company was replying to an independent report, commissioned by the Office of Telecommunications and the Highlands and Islands Development Board, and published yesterday, which issued a warning that the Highlands and Islands region of Scotland was at risk of falling behind in the telecommunications revolution.

APPOINTMENTS

Hagwood joins the board as executive director. English China Clays: Mr Larry Anderson becomes chief executive, International Drilling Fluids.

COMPANY NEWS

AMARR: Interim dividend 3p (same) for six months to June 30. Figures in £000. Turnover 83,475 (£83,316). Pretax profit 3,465 (£3,670). Tax 1,599 (£1,668). cps weighted average 7.1p (7.4p).

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and services, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

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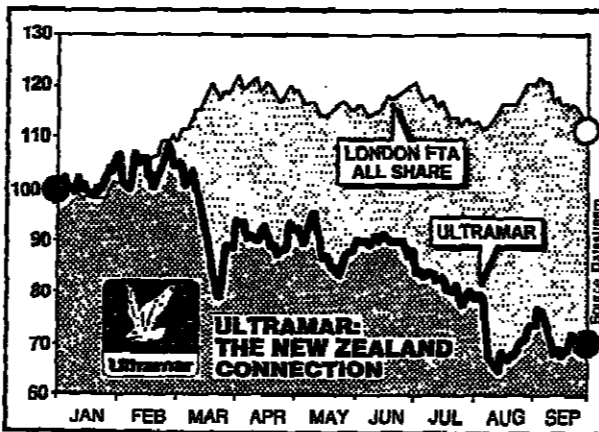
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Reports of Knapp stake in Grand Met exaggerated

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Clever detective work by a top City stockbroker firm has revealed that Mr Charles Knapp, the international financier who was thought to have gathered almost 5 per cent of Grand Metropolitan...



Intercontinental Hotel chain or is simply masterminding a clever piece of arbitrage. Grand Met's shares firmed 3p to 416p yesterday. Elsewhere the market had a generally good day with the FT 30 share index closing off its best but still up 1.44 at 1,227.0...

Morgan Grenfell, which came to market this summer at 500p, fell 10p to a new low of 393p yesterday ahead of interim figures on Monday. The Americans can start dealing on Friday but are in a rush and Cazenove, the company's broker, appears lukewarm...

There is no way he could have bought an additional 40 million shares in the intervening period, or the share price would have gone sky-high...

RECENT ISSUES

Table of Recent Issues and Rights Issues, listing companies like Hille Ergonom, Local Lon, and various rights issues.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London Financial Futures, listing contracts like Three Month Sterling, August Eurodollar, and various interest rate futures.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of Foreign Exchanges, including Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, and Other Sterling Rates.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table of Traditional Options, listing contracts like First Dealings, Last Dealings, and various interest rate options.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table of London Traded Options, listing various call and put options for different stocks and indices.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table of Money Market and Gold, listing interest rates, money deposits, and gold prices.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet £50,000 safety net for investors inadequate

The Government's proposal — just six weeks before it is expected to become law — to amend the Financial Services Bill to allow for a central compensation scheme for investors, rather than a series of separate schemes run by the individual self-regulating organizations, raises a number of important issues.

Troubles ahead

As the City enters the last four weeks of the run-up to Big Bang, some of the problems are coming more sharply into focus. The relaxed attitude that despite the upheaval in structure, member firms and dealing methods things will be all right on the night is giving way to an awareness of troubles ahead.

As the biggest and best market in the City, gilt-edged trading has naturally attracted most attention. Potentially it has the biggest and most expensive problem of overcapacity in market-making. Not even the most optimistic of gilt-edged partners believes that there is room for more than 20, at most, of the 27 primary dealers in the lists to trade successfully.

The legislation will lay down the principle that compensation provisions should be "the best that can reasonably be made." This leaves the door open to SIB to leave the Stock Exchange out of a central scheme. The other self-regulating organizations would have to dig deeper into their members' pockets.

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WALL STREET

Shares climb at start

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares climbed in early trading yesterday, continuing a trend that began to develop late in Monday's session.

Before the opening, the Commerce Department said the United States trade deficit in August was \$13.2 billion, a smaller figure than had been expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.75 points to 1,761.95. Advancing issues led declining issues by a two to one margin, on a turnover of 19 million shares.

Ford, which gained 1 1/2 on Monday, rose 1 1/4 to 53 1/2. Allied Stores, the subject of a \$66 a share bid from the Campean Corporation, rose 1/2 to 63 1/2.

Borg Warner was up 1/8 at 35 1/2. PepsiCo gained 3/4 to 26 1/2. USX was up 1/2 to 23 1/2. Singer gained 1/4 to 53 1/2. IBM was up 1/4 to 134 1/2. Hewlett-Packard was up 1/4 to 37 1/2. Exxon was up 1/2 to 67.

Texas Air was up 1/2 to 33 1/2. Spectrum was unchanged at 12 1/2. Mayflower was down 1/4 at 27 and BAT Industries was up 1/8 at 6 1/2.

The transportation average was up 4.25 at 793.83, utilities added 0.11 to 196.95 and stocks, at 700.16, were up 2.61.

Elsewhere, the American Stock Exchange index was down 1.59 points at 259.82.

Strong start to Liffe FT-SE options trading

By Richard Lander

The latest tool for investors and institutions to hedge their equity portfolios got off to a strong start yesterday when the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) launched options on its Financial Times-Stock Exchange (FT-SE) 100 index futures.

Just under 230 put-and-call contracts were traded on the first day, all in the December series, giving investors the right to buy or sell one FT-SE 100 future contract valued at about £39,000 each. Contracts can be closed out before expiry but purchasers also have the choice of taking delivery in cash.

The contract has been launched just under four weeks before Big Bang. "I think it's a very good start but I don't expect we'll see very large volumes until after October 27," said Mr Brian Williamson, Liffe's chairman.

The Footsie options put Liffe, which also celebrated its fourth birthday yesterday, into another head-to-head battle with the Stock Exchange, where options are already traded in the cash FT-SE 100 index.

The two markets already compete in gilt and currency options and yesterday's launch is bound to increase the battle to become

London's premier options venue.

The Stock Exchange reacted guardedly when Liffe announced its FT-SE options launch some weeks ago, although relations seemed cordial yesterday when Mr David Parry, chairman of the Stock Exchange's traded options committee, was invited to toast the new contract at a champagne breakfast.

"I've no doubt that we'll be the major options exchange in London," said Mr Williamson, "but we've agreed that both sets of members - and they'll be quite similar after Big Bang - require co-operation on regulation and trading systems and we'll be working as closely as possible."

The fledgling contract was given an early boost yesterday when dealers reported a delay on the Stock Exchange options floor because of price reporting problems until long after the bell had rung at Liffe.

Further temptation for investors to head for the Liffe floor in the Royal Exchange might also come from the lower spreads available there. By the end of trading, the December 1600 call series showed a three-point spread on Liffe, two points slimmer than the comparable contract on the Stock Exchange.

C&W plans listing in Hong Kong

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Cable & Wireless plans to have its shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange by the end of the year.

The telecommunications company's shares gained a listing in Tokyo in April and the chairman and chief executive, Sir Eric Sharp, said further listings are planned for Zurich, Basel, Geneva and Frankfurt following the share placing last December.

The company operates the telephone service in Hong Kong through its Hong Kong Telephone subsidiary, which also hopes to win a licence to operate a cable TV network. It is the second largest employer in Hong Kong.

Mr Rod Olsen, Cable & Wireless's Far East executive director, said: "Our decision to apply for a listing is a public demonstration of our confidence in the future prosperity of the territory beyond 1997."

The other Cable and Wireless subsidiary in Hong Kong is the unlisted Cable and Wireless Hong Kong (CWHK). Cable and Wireless plc owns 80 per cent of CWHK and the Hong Kong Government has the rest.

Hong Kong Telephone and CWHK together had just over half of the group's £907 million turnover in the year ending March and three-quarters of the group's trading profit of £490 million.

TEMPUS

Hopeful signs as NEI embarks on the big shake-up

Northern Engineering Industries' surprise announcement of massive restructuring, involving extraordinary costs this year of £67 million and exceptional of £8 million, was given a generally positive reception in the City.

The shares plunged 20p before settling 5p down at 80p. The company, which has been stuck on a profits plateau for the past four years, has been steadily shedding capacity. Life has been getting harder as overseas customers delay payment and the Central Electricity Generating Board's power station re-ordering programme is put back and back.

NEI yesterday unveiled its new look, designed to take it into the 1990s. It is divesting itself of loss-makers, including the communication equipment subsidiary Exel, and International Power (Ma International Power, United States), consolidating its British manufacturing facilities and integrating its power project engineering divisions, NEI Projects and NEI Nuclear Systems. It is also pruning top management.

Despite attributable losses of £24.6 million at the half-way stage, the clearing-out exercise will result in a marginally positive cash flow and a significantly lower cost base.

NEI expects gearing to rise to 30 per cent by the year-end from 19 per cent last year. The increase in debt and write-off of shareholders' funds may, in fact, push gearing higher but, if NEI has estimated its required cost base accurately, the effect should be short-term.

The major question is: will the restructuring do the trick? Just over a year ago NEI thought its heavy rationalization programme was over.

This time there are hopeful signs. NEI reckons that CEGB should begin re-ordering power stations at the rate of one a year from the end of 1987. The Chernobyl disaster gives more muscle to coal-fired stations and more work to NEI.

NEI's news has shot to pieces analysts' previous expectations of taxable profits this year of £50 million. The range is now £17 million to £27 million.

However, the issue is not this year's profits. It is whether NEI can operate efficiently and profitably on its lower turnover and cost base.

The prospective yield on a maintained dividend is a fat 9.3 per cent. At that rate it is certainly worth giving the company the benefit of the doubt.

Davidson Pearce Group

Davidson Pearce Group, the advertising agency which came to the market a year ago, has suffered from a downturn in advertising and public relations companies.

The legacy of Saatchi & Saatchi's rights issue and business losses, with more staff defections at Good Relations, has cast a shadow on the sector.

Davidson's shares, therefore, continue to trade below 160p, at which they were initially offered, despite beating the forecast in the prospectus.

Yesterday's announcement of a 14.2 per cent increase in pretax profits for the half year, coupled with a margin improvement and earnings

per share up 21.2 per cent, made little impact.

The market originally marked the shares down 5p to 143p before thinking a little better of it, with a closing price of 145p.

Davidson is still casting around for public relations and sales promotion companies to buy. Meanwhile, it has won about £8 million-worth of billings - and assigned or lost billings worth about £2 million.

The new business includes Hasbro Industries' newly-acquired Sindy Doll and Terry's of York All Gold Assortment.

Not included in all this is the "substantial" Action for Jobs account - publicizing the Government's manifold schemes to stimulate employment - which the company is handling for the Department of Employment.

Davidson's growth is solid if unspectacular. Its staff and clients tend to stay longer than perhaps others in the sector.

The management stresses the focus on nurturing existing client relationships - such as those the company has with Marks and Spencer and British Telecom.

Analysts are talking about full-year profits of £2.5 million. Assuming a tax charge of 35 per cent, this produces a prospective p/e ratio of just above 11. An interesting growth prospect.

Laura Ashley

The only Laura Ashley articles you cannot buy in the group's flagship store at Oxford Circus are Laura Ashley shares, although some bright spark has already pointed this out as a missed opportunity.

The ten London outlets, which account for 30 per cent of British sales, are showing signs of recovering from bad weather and poor tourist business. In the UK as a whole first-half turnover rose by 38 per cent, but the underlying rate of growth was only 5 per cent.

Mr John James, group managing director, believes that there is scope to open at least 60 shops in Britain over the next three years. Additional growth will come from home decorating units placed in Sainsbury's Homebase supermarkets.

The potential in North America is considerable. It accounts for 38 per cent of group turnover; margins are higher so expansion will boost group profitability. Currency movements will, however, continue to be a feature.

A no doubt apocryphal story tells of the rush to buy children's size clothes when the first joint venture store opened in Japan. Now the group has made the necessary adjustments to the product range. There are plans to open 28 stores over the next three years, bringing the total to 30.

The unique nature of the business and the prospects of a growth rate of about 30 per cent a year has put the shares on a 50 per cent premium to the sector and an 80 per cent premium to the market. On a current year forecast of £24 million (earnings per share 7.6p), the p/e ratio is a demanding 23.4. More than 90 per cent of the non-family shareholders own under a thousand shares and are probably long-term holders.

Although the fundamentals are reasonable, the shares are likely to continue to attract private rather than institutional interest.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 2

Monks' resting place goes up for sale

Selwood Lodge, in Frome, Somerset, is believed to have been a resting place for monks on their way to Glastonbury. It dates mainly from the 19th century but has earlier origins. It is now a detached family house and is for sale through Cluttons of Bath, which is seeking offers of more than £215,000.

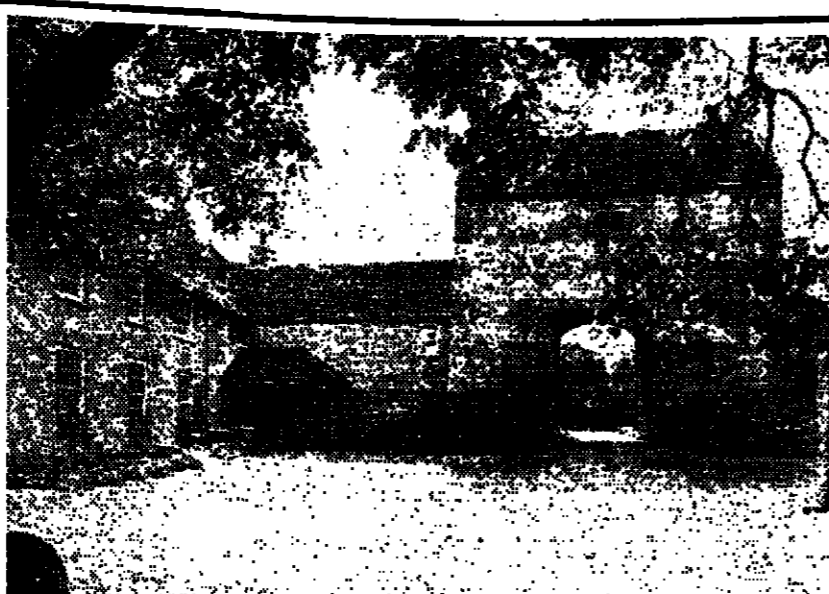
Farmhouse murals

Annela End Farmhouse at Kington, Hertfordshire, was built as a two-bay medieval hall house, open from floor to roof, with a central open hearth. By the 15th century it had become a substantial manor house, and by the 17th century was a farmhouse. During the religious controversy at this time it acquired remarkable murals which remained hidden beneath plasterwork until the present owner found them in 1983 and established their date as 1605.

No 3, Hall Gardens, in Polebrook, near Oundle, Northamptonshire, has the advantage of a built-in nuclear fallout shelter. This Swiss-style house built in 1982 has shutters fitted to most windows, among other unusual features. The three-storey house has two reception rooms and three or four bedrooms, with a well maintained garden and a workshop-cum-sunroom.

New but mews

London mews houses come in many shapes and forms, and No 34, Cadogan Lane, in Knightsbridge, is a new house built in the old tradition. It has been designed by John Simpson and Partners, known for their work on period houses, drawing on Georgian elements from the big houses overlooking the mews. The house has a 21ft reception room running the full width of the building, with three full-length sash windows, a dining room, three bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, and a garage - which is where the mews came in. Fully decorated with hand-painted finishes, the house is for sale at £485,000 through Winkworth's Knightsbridge office.



Oveston Court at Oveston, near Bristol, is a historic house dating back to the 13th century. It stands amid the ruins of the original moated and fortified manor house on the edge of this rural village, which is nevertheless close to the M4 and M5 and 10 miles from Bristol Parkway station. The house is set in 17 acres of gardens and paddocks, and is flanked by a 16th-century gateway. It has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, while outside there is a swimming pool, a hard tennis court, garaging and stabling. Strutt & Parker's office in Cheltenham is asking for offers of around £250,000.

The Green Belt bonanza

A piece of rough pasture near the Thames just outside Oxford is about to provide a vivid illustration of how land prices can soar once planning permission for housebuilding has been obtained. At present, the 12.3 acres of Green Belt at Littlemore is worth about £20,000, says Nigel Moor, senior partner of planning consultants Nigel Moor and Associates who act for the owners, the Oxford Regional Health Authority.

But with outline planning permission from South Oxfordshire District Council for residential development, its value is now estimated at between £3 million and £4 million.

The authority plans to offer the land for sale to housebuilders. Mr Moor says: "I thought we had less than a 50-50 chance of obtaining planning permission, even though the land has been largely unused for a number of years. I expected that we would have to go to appeal at the very least."

He said the case underlined that, at a time of government cuts in many areas of sensitive community expenditure, there were opportunities for local authorities and statutory bodies to help themselves out of a financial dilemma.

"This is just one example of the community benefiting. But millions of pounds could be lost elsewhere in the Home Counties, and all over Britain, because statutory bodies are not making their assets work for them."

He believes that many such bodies could have valuable pieces of land lying dormant or doing little. In this case, the land close to the Littlemore Hospital is surplus to the authority's requirements. With a likely minimum of 12 houses to the acre, there could be up to 150 new homes on the site, which will have a completed development value of some £8 million to £10 million.

By coincidence, there is news of a parcel of land for sale for development close to the other half of Oxbridge. A site of more than 41 acres next to the village of Milton, within four miles of Cambridge, has been granted outline planning consent with a suggested minimum of 300 units.

A spokesman for the joint agents, Bidwell and John D Wood, pointed out that demand for housing land around Cambridge has been fuelled by the area's rapid growth and increasing popularity. "We expect offers in excess of £7 million for the land on the basis of recent sales of large sites," he said.

The development of the site, in a popular residential area, completes the proposals outlined in the Milton District Council plan. The site is owned by a consortium of Cambridgeshire County Council, Gonville and Caius College and private owners.

The expected price reflects the fact that Cambridge is part of the second fastest-growing region in the UK in terms of population; second to Buckinghamshire. The rapid growth of "sunrise" high-tech industries, known as the Cambridge phenomenon, together with the underlying economic strength of tourism, agriculture and academic institutions, has created a boom economy in and around Cambridge.

As a result, housing is in short supply and prices continue to rise rapidly, second only to the London area.

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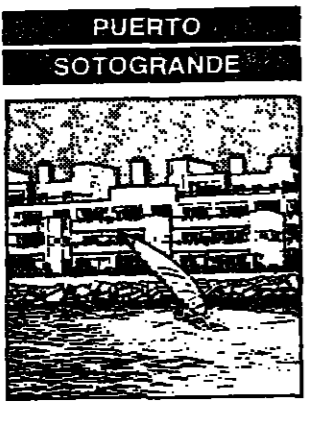
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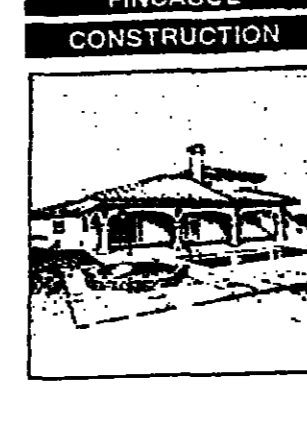
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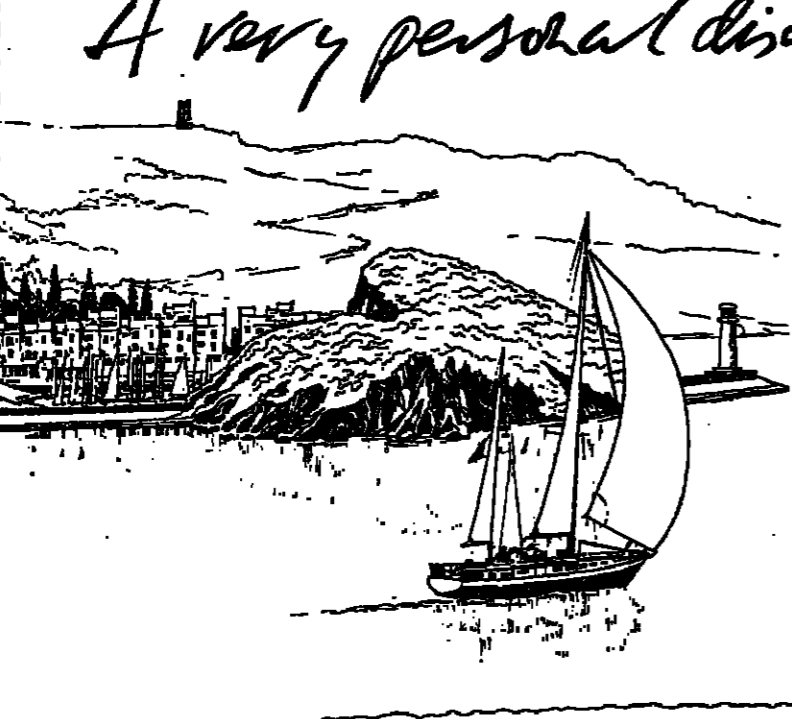
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CRICKET

Australia have time enough to reveal their inexperience

From Richard Streeton, Delhi

With only six and a half hours play, this rain-disrupted second Test match was the shortest in modern times... The final day yesterday, however, was not without significance...

The meaningless situation of the game meant that Gavaskar saw no cause to summon his concentration... The match, inevitably, was drawn and was given up after seven mandatory overs in the final hour...

Richie at mid-on and called for a sharp single. He was unable to beat Richie's underarm jerk, which hit the stumps direct at the bowler's end... Both batsmen eventually lost patience against Shastri...

Table with cricket statistics: AUSTRALIA: First innings, G R Marsh c Pandit b Sharma 11, D C Boon c Maninder b Shastri 67, etc.

Table with cricket statistics: INDIA: First innings, S M Gavaskar b Gilbert 4, K Srikanth run out 24, etc.



At the double: Australians defending their goal at a corner during their match with England at Picketts Lock yesterday

England's plans for World Cup are disrupted by defeat and injuries

By Sydney Friskin

England completed their World Cup preparations with a defeat by Australia at Picketts Lock yesterday... Despite his thumb injury, Batschler had a full match at outside right...

wing by Bhazra, who worked hard and Leman gave way to Shaw... Australia, who were short of match practice, emerged swiftly into the attack...

strongly along the left and Barber had to come across to stop a good run by Hawgood... Australia introduced fresh blood into the second half with substitutions...

Cup chances. "The gold medal, of course, I'll be strung up if we didn't win it," he said... Australia, after winning all five matches at home against Argentina...

Taylor is voted the top player

Ian Taylor, the Great Britain, England and East Grinstead goalkeeper has been voted the outstanding player of the 1985-86 season by the Hockey Writers' Club...

FOOTBALL

Real Madrid set their sights on European Cup goals

(Reuter) - Real Madrid will be going all out for goals when they meet the Swiss champions, Young Boys Bern, in the second leg of their European Cup first round tie tonight...

would not be intimidated by the 80,000 crowd in the Bernabeu stadium... W Germany frees players... Frankfurt (Reuter) - The West German Football Federation has agreed to release players Karl-Heinz Förster...

worried by the danger of overconfidence than the threat posed by PSV Eindhoven in the second leg of their European Cup first round tie tonight... Despite the loss of their best player, the Danish international midfielder, Lerby...

ATHLETICS

Runner's fatally fast time

Reports that the heart complaint which Dr runner within yards of the finish of last Monday's Berlin Marathon had been hastened by over-exertion...

ATLETICS

Marathon scramble

Entries for the world's biggest marathon ended for British runners yesterday... He was immediately attended by a sports doctor who had been treating him for over a year for a heart rhythm irregularity...

CYCLING

Irish classic attracts the world's top two

The top two cyclists in the world, Sean Kelly, of Ireland, and Greg LeMond, of the United States, are the favourites in the second running of the Nissan International Classic...

To replace Roche and his Italian team, Ever Ready (Ireland) has stepped in to sponsor the team... Perhaps the greatest challenge for LeMond and Kelly will come from the powerful Panasonic team...

Love at long-distance finds favour County announce bans with American suitor

By a Special Correspondent... One of football's most unexpected marriages will be consummated when Manchester United's unfashionable and down-at-heel third division club, is taken over by Jerry Sherman...

No lack of goals for Bradford

Schools Football By George Chesterton... There was no shortage of goals at the weekend as home team Bradford defeated away side Chester 6-1 in a game of end-to-end excitement...

Showman in the nicest sense

club back on its feet, build a better team and improve the facilities at Sowerton Park... Sherman from the little town of Newport (population 2,000) in Washington State knew nothing of Newport in Kent when he

Became fan after following results

left college to become a sports broadcaster... Part of his job was reading the English football results. "The names meant nothing to me until I came to Newport in the third division," he said...

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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

- 6.00 Breakfast AM. Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and... 6.30 News... 9.05 Labour Party Conference... 10.00 News After Noon...

TV-AM

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Adrian Brown... 9.25 Thames news headlines... 10.30 Labour Party Conference...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines... 10.30 Labour Party Conference... 1.00 News After Noon...

CHOICE

An instinct, born of five years of writing this feature, tells me that the high points of tonight's viewing are probably three programmes I have not seen before...

CHOICE

I rather look forward to the second instalment tomorrow night. The Travellers in Time film has man going down a steel tube to the ocean floor in 1914...

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Richard Robinson's documentary about a pioneer of underwater photography, John Woodcock, is the week's edition of TRAVELLERS IN TIME (BBC2, 7.40pm)...

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BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax... 9.15 Daytime on Two... 12.00 News... 1.00 News After Noon...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket... 4.00 Snooker... 5.00 News... 6.00 News After Noon...

Radio 4

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